Mandela to maintain pressure

ALGIERS (R) - South African black nationalist leader Nelson Models said Friday he would tour European capitals staring on June 3 to insit that international sanctions must continue against Pretorts. He dismissed the South African government's abolition on Wednesday of racial acgregation in most state hospitals as inadequate because it left gaping inequalities between black and white hospital workers. "Any country that now agrees the time has come to lift sanctions either is totally ignorant of what is happening in South Africa or is simply a supporter of apartheid," Mandels told a news conference at the end of a three-visit to Algeria, South African President F.W. De Klerk is now touring Europe to seek support for his referres simed at giving blacks a say in political decision-making, but Mandela said it was soon to lift sanctions. "Apartheid is still in place. Nothing has happened in regard to its dismantling. The basic issue in our political struggle is giving every South African the right to decide his or her own affairs. We are still very far from that."

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talks, which were described by

spokesman for the prime minis-ter's office as "entremely friend-ly," also covered the Middle East

peace process and Libya. As he left the prime minister's 10

Downing Street office, the visit-

ing president told reporters: "I

bope that there will be some

improvement in Britain's rela-

tions with Iraq." Britain's Ambassador Harold Walker flew

back to Raghdad Thursday after being recalled following the ex-cention of British-based journal-

at Farmi Bazoft. Mubarak later

dined with Mrs. Thatcher at

Downing Street. The Egyptian

president arrived in Britsin

Wadnesday from Moscow, where

he talked with Soviet President

Mikbail Gorbachev. He was to

Radicals oppose

NICOSIA (AP) — A senior Ira-nian cleric Priday urgod author-

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or men in neckties. Tehran

Radio, monitored in Nicosia,

quoted Aystoliah Mousavi Arde-

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Tehran that women who do not

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Britain appoints new

LONDON (R) — Britain announced the appointment Priday of career diplomat Sir David.

Hannay as its new ambassador to

the United Nations, Hamsy, 54, replaces Sir Cospin Teckell who

held the post for three years and is retiring from the diplomatic service. Since 1985 Hannay was

served as Britain's permanent

representative to the European

Community (EC) in Brussels. He cutered the diplomatic service in 1959 and has also held posts in Kabul and Washington. Hainay will be replaced at the EC by

John Kerr, 48, a senior official in

the Foreign Office dealing with community affairs.

TUNES (R) - U.S. Secretary of

State James Baker has written to

the Arab League explaining Washington's position on the emigration of Soviet Jews and

other Middle East issues before

this month's Arab summit, di-

plomatic sources said. In a mes-

sage to Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi, Baker also

give explanations on Lebanon, Middle East peace moves and the

situation in the Gulf, they added.

The inflex of Soviet Jews to Israel

is expected to dominate the summit starting in Baghdad May 28.

CAIRO (AP) -- Police Friday detained a total of 45 Muslim

fundamentalists for attempting to

stage demonstrations in Cairo

and the southern town of Qena.

the Middle East News Agency

said. The agency said about ten people were arrested at a mosque in Cairo for attacking a preacher and for trying to arouse the wor-

shippers with "inciting chants." It

said the detainees wanted to stage

a street-menth protesting the gov-

exament's appointment of a new mosque prescher. The agency also reported from the southern province of Qera, 650 kilometres away from Cairo, that 35 members of the military Jind organisation were arrested for taking to the streets in

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hold 45 activists

Baker writes to

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Iran liberalisation

leave for Cairo Friday.

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Pakistani premier shares concern over Titatcher in London LONDON (AP) — Egyptian President Houri Mubarat talted with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Thursday night about the spread of weapons and missile technology is the Middle Hait. Jewish immigration and Jerusalem

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King, Bhutto discuss **West Asian situation**

Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - His Majesty King Hussein and Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto Friday held talks believed to centre on the situation in West Asia, including the Arab-Israeli conflict and Afghanistan as well as the dispute between India and Pakisten over Kashmir. The Jordan News Agency, Pet-

ra, reporting the two leaders' meeting, said that the discussions covered bilateral relations and esses of mutual concern. The agency did not give details, but earlier statements by Bhutto herself and other Pakistani and Jordanian officials have indicated that the Palestinian problem, Soviet Jewish immigration to israel and the occupied territories, the Afghan situation and the dispute over Kashmir were expected to figure high in the talks.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran, who received the Pakistani prime minister upon her arrival here from Syria, said Jordan wanted to explain to her "what is happening in Palestine, what is happening with the excessive Soviet Jewish immigration to Palestine and its implications not only for the occupied territories and the intifula but also to the Arab and or words

Bhatto, who is here on the fourth leg of a tour of Islamic countries in a bid to seek diplomatic support for Pakistan in its dispute with India, also refer-. she said her country shared the immigrants) to Arab Lands and the new threats to Jerusalem."

Pakistan's ambassador to Jordan, Tariq Khan Afrid, told the Jordan Times this week that the Pakistani premier would "primarily discuss Kashmir's conflict as well as problems in the Middle East, including the colonisation of Arab lands by the new Jewish settlers.

The ambassador affirmed that Bhutto's talks with lordanian leaders on Kashmir would not be "directed against any third party, including India."

Bhutto, who is accompanied by Foreign Minister Yaonb Khan, Minister of State for Defence Sarver Chima and senior officials as well as her businessman husband Asef Al Zardari, renewed criticism against India in her arrival statement. "In Kashmir, 2 beart-rending tragedy is being enacted," she said, reading from a prepared statement. "Having waited in vain for more than 40 years for the U.N., India and Pakistan to fulfil their pledge to hold a plebsicite to choose between India and Pakistan, the people of Kashmir have risen up to overthrow Indian rule," she

Bhutto, the first woman prime minister of an Islamic country, reitersted Islamabad's position that international involvement was essential to resolve the Kashmir conflict, a call rejected by India, which insists that a bilateral agreement reached to 1972 should govern the issue.

India accuses Pakistan of harhourand Soviet Jewish immigration to ing and arming Muslim separatists in Kashmir, a charge denied by Islamaballousine. In an arrival statement, bad. The four-decade-old dispute

Both New Deihi and Islamabas have indirectly referred to the possibility of a war over Kashmir, but have also been careful not to further aggravate the situation, apparently opting for diplomatic solutions. However, many observers say that the already tense situation in Kashmir could further escalate and deteriorate if quick action was not taken.

According to Bhutto, a solution lies in the "fulfilment of the international commitment to support the exercise of the right of self-determination for the people of Kashmir."

Bhutto, who leaves Saturday afternoon, began her visit Tuesday in Iran, which strongly supports her country' position, and then travelled to Turkey, where she secured additional hacking, before arriving in Syria Thursday. In Damascus, she held talks with President Hafez Al Assad and other Syrian leaders, but no clear indication emerged whether Syria. which recently warmed up relations with India, backed the Pakistani posi-

According to reports, Bhutto is carrying the draft of a resolution which Pakistan intends to present to a meeting of the foreign ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) in Cairo next month. The draft resolution, according to the reports, calls for Islamic support for Pakistan's stand over Kashmir, one third of which is ruled by Pakistan and the rest by India.

In their airport statements, both Badran and Bhutto described Jordanian-Pakistani relations as very strong."

But it was not clear what kind of Jordanian response awaited the Pakistuni leader to her quest for backing over Kashmir. A senior official said: "It is only natural that Ms. Bhutto would seek support from all friendly states, and it is our duty m listen to ber since we ourselves seek bad. The four-decade-old dispute support from friendly countries broke out into open violence in lanu-

Islamists claim control of Zarqa Municipality

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff

AMMAN - Islamists have secured an overwhelming victory in municipal council elections in Zarqa, securing eight seam in the 10-member panel and claiming the support of another winner, leaving only one seat for a candidate described as nationalist.

Official results announced Thursday showed that the "Islamic Action Bloc" clinched eight scats, with its leader Yasser Al Omari securing 9,735 votes out of a total of 21,953 votes cast. Mohammad Mousa Ghuweiri, who secured the third highest number of votes (6,338) under a "Zarna Islamic Bloc" platform, was supportive of the Islamic Action Bloc, thus giving Islamists almost total control of the first ciected Zarqa municipal council in 12 years. Omari told the Jordan Times in a telephone interview from the Zarga Community Col-lege, where he was celebrating his bloc's victory and receiving wellthe council was Ahmad Abu Khur-

ma, who secured 4,730 votes - the 10th highest - against his nearest contender, another Islamic Action Bloc candidate, Khaled Shrour. who won 4,430 scats. "You can see that the difference

was only 300 votes between the two," Omari told the Jordan Times. "The candidate who won the pext highest number of votes (3,700) was a non-Islamist candilate, and this is only an indication of the Islamic Action Bloc's popu-

"We are decades-old residents of Zarqa and we are totally aware of the city's problems, and every one knows it," Omari said, explaining the Islamists' strong showing in the city of 63,000 eligible voters and 450,000 residents. However, he could not offer any immediate exthird voter turnout for the elections despite a 24-hour extension aimed at drawing more voters.

appoint two members to the com-

cil, one of them a Christian, according to regulations governing muniare expected to be named before the newly-elected council's first meeting, which Omari expected to be held in two weeks.

Omari said it was up to majority decision by his bloc, which has a heavy Muslim Brotherhood content - five of its candidates are formal members of the Brotherhood whether he should seek mayorship of the town about 25 kilometres north of Amman, which has been run by government-appointed com-mittees since 1978.

According to Omari, "there was very little coordination between the nittees and the responsible anthorities and this was the main reason for the chaotic situation in

He said the new council would work in total coordination with the Water Authority, the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) and the Telecommunications Corporation to improve services in the city. major concerns of its residents, who

kilometres to fetch drinking water. There are major flaws to the fundamental as well as admir

tive planning of the city, and we have to go deep into the field and come up with suitable solutions," Omari said. Zarqa is notorious for its narrow streets, traffic jams and irregular traffic despite intense efforts exerted by the local author-

"By no means is Zarqa a poor " Omari said. "Its anoua municipal revenues exceed JD 5.5 million, and if properly utilised this ty's public services."

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Yasser Al Omari, Abdul Bari Al Hamdso, Mouhammad Mousa Ghuweiri ("Zarga Islamic Bloc") Mamdouh Al Mheisan, Saleh Daifallah, Mouta Al Zughloui, Zhazi Al Deebk, Nabil Al Shishani. Mehammad Uglah Al Ghuweri and Ahmad Abu Khurma ("national-

Ministry rescinds ban on male hairdressers

By Ghadeer Taker Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - The Ministry of Interior has rescinded a decision taken last month to ban male hairdressers from working in beauty salons for women,

ending a four-week controversy over the legality of the move.

Hairdressers Association President Anis Naber told the Jordan Times Friday that ministry officials told the association "during a meeting that the ban has been withdrawn and everything is back to normal." He said the executive members of the association were informed of the rescindment

Although Ministry of Interior officials refused to make any forma comment, one ministry official privately confirmed that the ban was no longer effective and the decision was withdrawn.

Minister of Interior Salem Massa'deh said last week that the ban was a compromise aimed at appeasing more "conservative" elements in society. He said the ben would only apply to men trying to get licenses to open new beauty salous. The missizer could not be reached for comment Friday.

Naber said that the ministry had assured the association that anyone male or female, could get a new license for a beauty salon "just like

A senior official, commenting on the decision, said he did not expect the ministry to make a formal announcement of the withdrawal of the ban "in

The ban, seeo as a result of pressure by Islamists, sparked a controversy in more moderate circles which prompted some groups, including women activists, to lobby against the move, describing it as a violation of constitutional provisions which stipulate equal rights for men and women in the Kingdom. Spokesmen for the Muslim Brotherthood, which has a strong presence in Parliament with the largest single bloc in the Lower House

welcomed the ban saying it would boost employment chances for women. Several groups were involved in behind-the-scene lobying with the government to bring about a reversal of the decision. However, a 1980 Supreme Court decision against a similar decision adopted by the authorities in Irbid appeared to have been the dominant influential factor to the ministry's move to withdraw the decision.

concern of the Arab countries ary this year and has since claimed at not elaborate. Israelis kill 13-year-old,

uprising.

Israeli forces also placed at least 30,000 under curiew in the occupied West Bank. The violent confrontation

occupied West Bank. An army spokesman said an Arab toenager was killed when a policeman opened fire with rubber bullets on a group of activists

Yunis, Arab reports said. The new 30-member police surprise attacks.

Some agents will also patrol in cars bearing the same blue license plates as Arab-owned automobiles in the West Bank, the

Police officials said the move was largely an effort to contain a recent upturn in violent incidents in Arab Jerusalem. The city has so far been calmer than most of

place thousands under siege Arab reports identified the book of Judges, police said. Gi-

(Agencies) - Israeli soldiers fatality as Issam Mughrabi, 13, fatally shot a 13-year-old Palestinian boy during a clash with stone throwers Friday and police formed a special undercover unit to handle an opsurge in violence in the 29-month-old Palestinian

occurred at Balata refugee camp outside the city of Nablus in the

who stoned an oil tanker as it-

saying he sustained a serious bullet wound in the head and was taken away by soldiers after the

Mughrabi is the 688th Palestinian to be killed by Israelis during the uprising. He is the youngest of eight Palestinians killed in such confrontations this month. Two other victims were 14.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, an 18-year-old Palestinian was wounded in the leg after troops opened fire on stone-throwing protesters in the town of Khan

unit established in Jerusalem is named for the biblical warrior Gideon, from the Old Testament

deon was known for spying on the ancient Amaleks before waging Israel Radio said the unit

would work undercover using plain-clothes experts, combat troopers and intelligence officers who would mingle with Arab crowds to pinpoint trouble spots.

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Call for 'transfer' of Palestinians linked to Shamir's coalition chance

Prime Minister Yitzbak Shamir Priday faced demands from a crucial right-wing ally to hold a referendum on proposals for mas-sive expulsions of Palestinians, as a condition for joining a new governing coalition.

Shamir's spokesman Yossi Ahimeir, reacting in a telephone interview, said "even putting the idea on the agenda (for talks) is out of the question and inconceiv-

Shamir, the head of the rightwing Likud bloc, has another 21 days by Taraeli law to try and build a coalition to replace the government that has toppled in a March 15 parliament vote of no

So far Likud has failed to reachagreement with any of its six notential rightist and religious governing partners for a majority in the 120-member parliament.

The main problems are conflicting demands for cabinet posts and conditions put by extreme right wing parties to shelve U.S.-backed Middle East peace

Legislator Rehavam Zeevi of ment's guidelines.

the two-member militant Moledet party further complicated matters Friday. Asked on the radio about whether he would make the party's proposals for massive expulsions a condition for joining the coalition, Zecvi

"If we agree to join the government we demand to hold a referendum on this issue."

Zeevi's plan, dubbed "transfer," suggests moving the 1.7 million Palestinians who live in the occupied territories to neighbouring Arab countries to resolve the Middle East conflict.

Shamir, whose mandate was due to expire Friday, was granted the 21-day extension by President Chaim Herzog Thursday. "I hope I would not need all

that period and would finish with it before it expires. I don't want to name a date but I hope it would be soon," Shamir told

Shamir indicated he asked for extra time because of disputes with potential partners over the distribution of cabinet posts as well as over the next govern-

and demands and I have to worry about the overall picture," he said. "There are problems... I hope we shall overcome them and Israel would have a government."

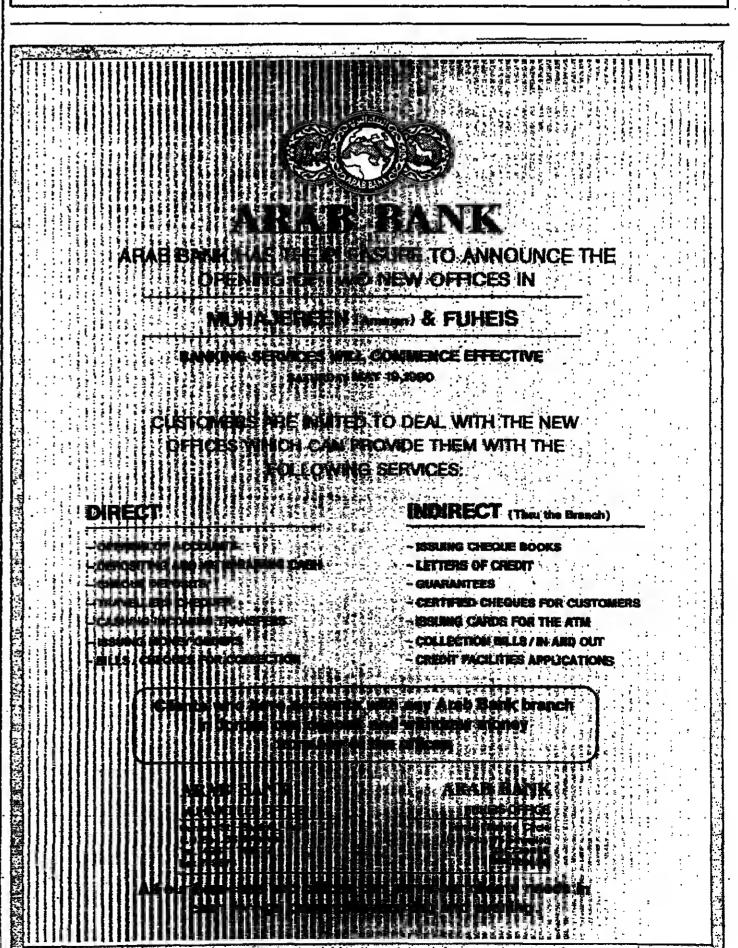
Shamir has tentative agreements that would give him a majority in the 120-member parliament. But he has been unable to aign pacts with three ultra-right parties and three orthodox religious factions,

Shamir ran into trouble Thursday when the right-wing Tehiya Party announced it would not join his government because of Likud's failure to meet party demands for government posts. "Tehiya decided not to join a

Shamir-led government. The party will vote confidence in the government if Shamir presents it... we will give it a chance, and later we will vote according to specific issues," party leader Geulah Cohen said on Israel Radio.

Despite the entangled coalition negotiations with small parties,

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British engineer dies under mysterious circumstances in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — A British engineer was found dead in his hotel room under mysterious circumstances, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported

The man was discovered Wednesday in his Novotel hotel room and doctors have yet to determine his cause of death, according to the INA report, which quoted an unidentified spokesman for the Ministry of Interior.

The agency identified the man as J. Gordon Glass but had no details about his age or .family. The British embassy said it had no immediate comment at this

stage of the investigation. informed and it asked a British doctor working in Iraq to join the Iraqi team investigating his death

at the Baghdad morgue. Results of the examination will be made public when the team finishes its investigation, INA

The agency said Glass, an em-

ployee of Graham Johnson Machinery of Coventry, England, arrived on May 2 to fix machinery for an Iraqi plant belonging to the Ministry of Industry and Military Industrialisation.

INA said he was accompanied by two other British engineers, but did not identify the nature of the Iraqi plant or the kind of machinery under repair.

There are 2,500-3,000 British

engineers and businessmen in Iraq and many work in plants belonging to the Ministry of Industry and Military Industrialisation, Iraq's prime weapons de-

Most kept an especially low profile during demonstrations against the British embassy since relations between the two countries soured over the past two

Iraq hanged Farzod Bazoft, a Lond-based, Iranian born correspondent for the Observer weekly, on spying charges on March 15. The British ambassador, withdrawn in protest, returned to his post Thursday.

Relations further deteriorated after Britain stopped two shipments it said were headed for Iraq's arms industry — one a super cannon and the other electronic parts that could be used in the trigger for a nuclear weapon. .

Iraq denied the charges, saying the alleged gun parts were for the petrochemical industry and the electric capacitors were for university research.

Many British husinessmen working in Iraq joined their colleagues in the area in a conference in Kuwait last week to assess business opportunities due to the tension. British exports to Iraq reached \$700 million in 1989. Meanwhile, Iraq has given Greece until the end of this

month to release a steel tube West Germany. impounded on suspicion of being

part of a giant artillery plant traq's ambassador in Athens re vealed Thursday:

Iraqi Vice President Tahar Yasim Ramadan sent Greek Premier Constantine Mitsotakis a letter on May 13 calling for a 30-tonne steel tube seized on April 20 to be released by the end of the month, Ambassador Fetah Al Khezreji told a news confer-

Iraq says the cylinder, impounded in the port of Patras, was part of an order from two British companies for a petrochemical plant in Iraq. Khezreji said that his government has invited Greek military experts to examine the plant.

British defence and customs officials have said that tubes impounded in Greece, Turkey and Britain may form part of a giant gun capable of firing nuclear and chemical weapons.

Other suspected parts of the gun have been found in Italy and

Thousands march for ruling party in Algiers

Candidates feast voters in Kuwait election campaign

ALGIERS, Algeria (R) — An estimated 100,000 to 200,000 people marched Thursday through central Algiers, singing patriotic songs and chanting for the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN).

Proclaimed as a "national demonstration of fraternity and solidarity," the march was intended as a reply to the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) and the pro-democracy movement, which organised similar, separate demonstrations during the past

pro-democracy demonstration, which drew about 100,000 people in pouring rain, the ruling party's

decked ont with coloured lights

have sprung up around Kuwait as

candidates for a new interim

assembly seek votes with tradi-

: Sheep are kept in cages nearby,

ready for slaughter for the even-

tional Arab hospitality.

march was favoured by sunshine. The fundamentalists' march on April 20 drew an estimated 200,000 people.

Many of the marchers Thursday were farm workers and nearly all were men. Most appeared old enough to have experienced Algeria's eight-year war of liberation against France which ended 28 years ago.

It was the ruling party's first major demonstration in Algiers since bloody riots erupted in October 1988 against unemployment, low living standards and By contrast with last week's the dictatorship of a selfappointed clique.

Traffic was at a standstill throughout the city centre as mar-

ters of this northern Gulf state.

one of the biggest overseas inves-

line with custom, the cost has

raised some eyebrows. The daily

tors in the Arab World.

With its oil wealth, Kuwait is

Although the hospitality is in

KUWAIT (R) — Huge tents supporters among the 65,000 vo-

chers walked slowly for three kilometres from the 1st of May Square to the Square of the Martyrs, kept in line by officials with arm bands and megaphones. No

violence was reported. The demonstration took place three weeks before local elections scheduled on June 12, the first multi-party elections since independence.

The march was carefully organised by the National Liberation Front, which mobilised trains and buses from across the country to bring demonstrators to Algiers. By contrast, the Islamic march in April was held without assistance from state-owned transportation.

The official Algerian News Agency. (APS) estimated the led to the 1988 riots.

largess might be beyond the

In a quiet start to the cam-

paign, however, press comment

so far has been mostly criticism of .

a pro-democracy movement

whose leaders say the new assem-

bly will be toothless and call for a

means of some contenders.

100,000. Police along the route guessed more conservatively there were "tens of thousands."

The news agency said the marchers were "reliving the independence celebrations of 1962 to protest firmly against the attempts to deprive the Algerian people of the history of its armed

The demonstrators carried thousands of Algerian flags and political banners, many of them directed against those who have amassed huge fortunes during the past 25 years. These fortunes cansed much of the antigovernment resentment which

Kuwait's last parliament, wide-

ly considered the liveliest in the

Arah World, was dissolved by the

emir. Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al

Sabah, in 1986 at the height of the

Gulf war between nearby Iran

and Iraq......

"There is no punishment that bothers me or stops me. I am ready to do everything, even to

released from prison in February after serving four months of a six-month sentence for a previous meeting with Arafat.

"It is not a supreme law, it does not come from God... I would be a criminal if I respected that law," he said.

Abie Nathan: Israeli minister met PLO

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli peace campaigner Abie Nathan, under investigation for meeting PLO chief Yasser Arafat, has said a right-wing minister also met members of the outlawed Palestiman organisation.

Nathan was released on bail of \$5,000 Thursday after admitting he met Arafat in Tunis on a recent trip. He said he had seen records in Tunis of a London meeting between Justice Minister Dan Meridor and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)

"I saw the file in Tunis. He met with two people in London," Nathan told Israel Television. The two were members of the PLO, outlawed in Israel as a terrorist organisation, he said.

Asked to identify the PLO officials. Nathan responded: "In the court I will tell the indee. These people are afraid that their names will be publicised."

Dan Meridor, a protege of hawkish Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, told Reuters the accusations were false.

"I never met PLO leader, man or delegate in secret or in public," Meridor said. He said he was in London in November or December and addressed diplomats and foreign journalists at Chatham House, the Royal Institute for International Affairs.

Nathan arrived home from his latest talks with Arafat to receive a police summons at Ben Gurion Airport Wednesday. He reported to the police serious crimes unit and was taken to a magistrates court for a bail hearing.

Afterwards, he told reporters he would meet Arafat again and again, and give his life to the peace cause.

give life," he said.

The Iranian-born Nathan was

Amal makes new contacts over swap of Israeli bodies —ICRC

GENEVA (AP) — The Shi ite bodies of any of our soldiers," he Amal militia in Lebanon has made new contacts with the International Committee of the Red Cross concerning an offer to return the bodies of two Israeli soldiers in exchange for the li-beration of Israeli-held Shi'ite prisoners, an ICRC spokes-woman said Friday.

"I can confirm that Amal has resumed contacts with us on the subject," said spokeswoman Martine Haemmerli, noting that ICRC had first been approached by both sides some time ago on the matter. She said she had no further comment.

An · Israeli Defence official. who insisted on anonymity, said Thursday that Israel wants proof that Amal is holding the bodies before it was prepared to consider the proposal.

Such an exchange could encourage more releases of 16 West-ern hostages, including six Amer-icans, held in Lebanon by pro-Iranian radicals.

After two U.S. bostages were freed last month, Iran and allied groups in Lebanon demanded a goodwill gesture, such as the release of prisoners held by the Israel-hacked South Lebanon Army (SLA) which has more than 300 prisoners.

The Israeli official said Amal had been claiming for some time that it was holding the bodies but had never produced evidence.

"As far as we know the Amal. organisation does not have the said. "If Amal believes the bodies are those of Israeli soldiers, let it first submit evidence to this effect. Only after we are convinced the bodies are in fact those of Israeli soldiers will there be room to negotiate the matter.'

U.N. sources in South Lebanon disclosed Thursday that inearly 1989 Amal leader Nabih Berri approached United Nations' officials and offered to return Israeli bodies given to them by the PLO.

In exchange, Berri sought the release of Shi ite prisoners held in Al Khiam, a prison controlled by the SLA in South Lebanon.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Berri never identified the bodies of the soldiers he was offering to trade. They added that Israel demanded proof and suggested evidence be given to representatives of the International Red Cross (ICRC).

The negotiations were halted, out, and Israel kidnapped Shi'ite Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid.

Last week, SLA Commander Gen. Antoine Lahad rebuffed appeals to make prisoner releases solely to help Western hostages. He said three captured Israeli soldiers and missing militiamen from his own organisation would have to be part of any deal.

Only one of the seven Israeli servicemen missing in Lebanon has been held by the Syriansupported Amal. The others were believed to be in the hands of radical Iranian-backed or Palesti-

nian groups.
Iranian-backed Shi'ite militia men were believed to be holding two Israeli servicemen, Yossi Fink and Rahamim Alsheikh. captured in an ambush in South Lebanon in February 1986.

Shortly after their capture, Beirut newspapers printed photos purporting to show Alsheikh and Fink/ recovering from their wounds in hospital-type beds.

Navigator Ron Arad, whose plane was downed near Sidon in October 1986, was originally captured by Amal. But reports suggested Amal security chief Mustafa Dirani defected to Hizbollah with the airman.
Three soldiers missing since the

June 11, 1982 Battle of Sultan Yakoub - U.S.-born Sgt. Zachary Baumel, Sgt. Zvi Feldman, and Cpl. Yehuda Katz, were believed to be held by radioal Palestinians. Samir Assad; after inter-Shi'ite battles broke another soldier missing since 1982, was "apparently killed," former Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has said.

The radical Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine has claimed that Assad was killed in a 1984 Israeli air raid on an island off Lebanon's northern port city of Tripoli.

In 1986, the Marxist group offered to exchange Assad's body for 50 captive guerrillas. Israel has turned down the offer.

Sudan plans national

KHARTOUM (R) - Sudan's Hassan Al Bashir since he seized six million people have been military rulers, decrying the power last June 30. Khartoum's under curfew since July.

democracy they overthrew 10 | months ago, have promised a national dialogue on the future of politics in Africa's largest country.

Brigadier Osman Ahmad Hassan, third in command of the junta, told Reuters the dialogue would be held soon

Hassan, who heads a committee responsible for reorganising political life, said now-banned political parties "did not represent the people." He declined to say whether the 15-member junta would be willing eventually to hand power to civilians.

Eleven Soviet-made T-52 tanks have guarded Nile bridges and the home of junta leader Omar

De Klerk may visit Israel

TEL AVIV (R) - Israeli newspaper and radio reports said Friday that South African President F.W. De Klerk would visit the Jewish state next month but the South African embassy said no date had been fixed.

Davar newspaper and Israel Radio said De Klerk, currently touring European Community (EC) states in a campaign against sanctions, would visit Israel after talks in Washington scheduled for June 18.

It would be the first official

visit to Israel by a South African head of state.

"We have had informal approaches from Israel, nothing in writing, and the state president would love to come sometime but nothing has been fixed yet," an embassy spokeswoman told Reu-

De Klerk has won praise and cautious promises of support in Britain, France, Greece, Portugal and Belgium for his sweeping reforms, including direct talks with the African National Congress (ANC). ..

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to the handicapped in Jordan and

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Chairing the first meeting of

the NCHA Thursday, Prince

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Delegation drawn from cross-section of Americans plans 'peace pilgrimage' to Mideast

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — A group of prominent Americans drawn from all walks of life and headed by two renowned former members of the U.S. Senson is expected to make what is billed as a "Pilgrimage for Peace to the Middle East" this month, according to informed

A "position paper" adopted by the group, which begins the visit with a brief stopover in Amman May 22 enroute to Damascus, indicates that the main theme of the "peace pilgrimage" is more or less in line with the two state solution endorsed by the Palestine

Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Arab World at large.

The 46-member group will be led by former senators Charles
Percy (Republican — Binois) and George McGovern (Democrat
— South Dakota), and will include former presidential candidate and Congressman John Anderson (Republican), former senator and Arab American leader James Aboutezk (Democrat — South Dakota), and former members of the House of Representatives David Brown and Pete McCloskey as well as famous cinematog-

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Other members of the group include Canadian Parliament member lan Wadell; journaisst and former hostage Ieremy Levin, actor Mike Farrell, several leading religious figures from the Christian and Jewish faiths, heads of giant conglomerates, former high-ranking officials in the administration and other experts on the Middle East.

According to the group's "position paper," a copy of which was made available to the Jordan Times, the delegation notes that "while the intifada has brought attenuous and increased appreciation for the plight of Palectinians and the depth of Israeli fears, there has not yet been enough momentum for a peace process, especially in the halls of Congress and the White House."

Underlining an awareness that "American citizens will have to lead the way for our political representatives," the delegation asserts that "a just and moral course of action is not likely to be taken without vigorous public support." It calls for an "independent Palestinian state alongside the State of Israel" through "respect and utilisation of U.N. tesohutions...particularly...(Security Council Resolutions) 242 and 338...," and emphasises that an "international peace conference, under the supervision of the U.N. and the permanent members of the Security Council, is the vehicle best equipped and most acceptable to members of the international

it was not immediately known whether meetings were scheduled with leaders of the countries included in the "pilgrimage" — Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Israel. Informed sources said the team was seeking meetings with Palestinian leaders in the occupied West

Bank and Gaza Strip.

The delegation will arrive in Amman May 22 for transfer to Damascus and seturn to the Jordanian capital on May 25 enroute to, Cairo. It formally begins a visit to Jordan on May 29 and crosses over to the occupied territories and Israel May 31. After spending four days there, the group will return to Amman Juoe 5 and will leaves the next day.

The high point of the "pilgrimage for peace" will be when the delegation will offer a prayer for peace in the Middle East during its visit to the Holy Land.

The trip is organised by the Washington, D.C.-based Pax World

Foundation in coordination with the Cyprus-based Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) and its representatives in the

According to Kjell Jonasson, the MECC representative in Amman, efforts are under way to schedule meetings between the delegation and Jordanian leaders and senior officials. One of the major impediments is the hectic preparations for the extraordinary Arab summit to be held in Baghdad, Iraq, on Moy 28.

Jonasson said a panel discussion between the delegation members and Jordanian officials and politicians was also being planned, but it was premature to offer details.

Ideas were also explored earlier whether the delegation could join an international peace march organised by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) and scheduled to take place in early June. However, the idea fell through when the ADC decided to postpone the event until Nov. 29, officials said.

Following is the full list of the members of the "Pilgrimage for Peace to the Middle East" delegation:

Co-leaders: Former U.S. senators Charles Percy and George Pax World Foundation facilitators: G. Charles Rhoads, Charolett Goodwin and Laura Barnitz Mission Coordinator: Jamil Shami

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David Brown Former member of the U.S. House of Representa-

David Boyer: Professional writer, photographer, retired from National Geographic Charlotte Feinberg Brody: Trustee, Feinberg Foundation

Frank Breckbill: Board member, Houston United Nations Association: Founder, Building Peace Bridges Carole Breckbill: Hermann Hospital, Houston, Texas Leonel J. Castillo: Head of immigration under President Carter: Chairman, Hermann Hospital, Hispanic community leader

William Peter Clay: Assistant to Ian Waddell, member of Canadian Parliament Scott Cohen: Consultant, Scott Cohen & Associates Rita Cohen: Sponse Hilary Esmonde-White: International foreign policy and trade

Patrick Esmonde-White: Editor, New Voices Radio Mike Farrell: Actor, political activist Barbara Good: Retired U.S. foreign service officer, vice president,

National Woman's Party Neal Keny: Former director of Middle East Affairs, Save the

Arthur Kobacker: Chairman Pickway Shoes, the Shoe Works, Saul Landau: Senior fellow, Institute for Policy Studies

Jeremy Levin: Former CNN news bureau chief and hostage in

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relations in the information media. The Tunisian official praised

the existing cooperation saying that during the past few years Jordan's programme and television production occupied an

Bakhit chairs Euro-Arab talk committee

TUNIS (Petra) - Permanent Arab representatives to the Arab

League, meeting here to discuss preparations for a Euro-Arab

dialogue symposium which will be beld in Amman early next

year, selected Adnan Al-Bakhit, vice-president of the University

of Jordan for Planning and Community Development Affairs, as

chairman of a special committee, which has recently been

established to devise means for enhancing Euro-Arab coopera-

tion in the cultural and social fields as well as technical and

AMMAN (J.T.) — Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) Ele Saaf Thursday handed over testimonials and medals to seven UNRWA

employees in Jordan who have served for 40 years, according to a

press release issued by the agency. The old timers joined UNRWA on May 1, 1950 when it started operations. UNRWA

has some 18,000 staff members in its area of operations namely

Jordan, Syrian, Lebanon, the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip

as well as in its headquarters in Vienna. UNRWA provides

educatioo, health and relief services for some 2.3 milioo Palesti-

Barbara Lubin: Executive Director, Middle East Children Alliance David Mahsman: Reverend, The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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Mark Percy: Vice-president, Charles Percy & Associates Diane Porter: Episcopal Church Centre

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Rose Raper: Spouse John B. Ray: Professor, political geographer, Middle Tennessee State University Katherine T. Ray: Philosophy/Religion Dept., Middle Tennessee State University John Rogers: Catholic Priest

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Following is the "position paper" adopted by the "Pilgrimage for Peace to the Middle East" delegation:

While the intifada has brought attention, and increased apprecia-tion for the plight of Palestinians and the depth of Israeli fears, there has not yet been enough momentum for a peace process, especially in the halls of Congress and the White House. As in other calamitous incidents throughout our recent history, such as the Vietnam war and the excessive nuclear buildup, it is apparent that American citizens will have to lead the way for our political representatives. A just and moral course of action is not likely to be

taken without vigorous public support.

Therefore, we, clergy of all religions, political figures, former members of Congress, ambassadors, foreign service officers, public officials, academicians, civic leaders, physicians, attorneys, scientists, writers, journalists, and other professionals declare through our participation in the "Pilgrimage for Peace to the Middle East"

our support of the following:

— An independent Palestinian State alongside the State of Israel. The sovereignty of both peoples must be respected and protected. - The respect and utilisation of United Nations resolutions towards enhancing the efforts of peace in the region, particularly U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338, which must be considered the legal and political grounds for an acceptable solution to both sides of the - The resolution of the conflict must be achieved only through

non-violent means. The international peace conference, under the supervision of the United Nations and the permanent members of the Security Council, is the vehicle best equipped and most acceptable to members of the international community.

Israelis kill

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In the last week there have

been at least three firebomb

attacks on Israeli buses and cars

in Jerusalem and a stoning that

injured a small Israeli girl near

the old walled city, according to

Arah nationalists were also be-

lieved behind two brush fires that

swept fields in Jerusalem and its

In Hebron, scores of troops

searched for two assailants who

amhushed an army patrol Thurs-

day night, wounding a soldier.

The town ceotre, nearby vil-

lages of Sair and Beni Naim and

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Firearm attacks on Israelis

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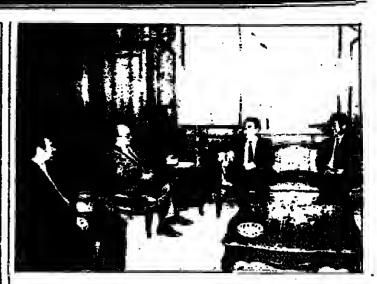
talks has prompted calls by hard-

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police reports.



Prime Minister Mudar Badran Thursday receives a Chinese delegation led by Deputy Mayor of Peking Kuwang Chao for discussions on bolstering cooperation between the two countries' capitals (Petra photo)

Peking, Amman to boost cooperation

AMMAN (J.T.) - A fourmember delegation led by Deputy Mayor of Peking Kuwang Chao Friday went for a visit to the Dead Sea, the Jordan Valley and the Greco-Roman archaeological town of Jerash in the company of officials from the Amman Municipality.

A Chinese embassy official told

the Jordan Times Friday the delegatioo members would visit Saturday several development projects carried out by the Amman Municipality and would hold further talks with municipal officilas on cooperation between Amman and Peking io city planning and other projects.

The delegation members, who arrived in Amman Thursday, were received by Prime Minister Mudar Badran with whom they discussed areas of cooperation between the two capitals. The Monday.

meeting was attended by Amman Mayor Ali Suheimat who, earlier Thursday, held talks with the Chinese delegation on cooperatioo in creating public gardens and city planning.

Agreement was reached at the initial meeting on the implementation of an international garden in Amman through joint cooperatioo. "Formal agreement on this project would be concluded in Peking at a later date," according to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Subeimat briefed the delegation on various aspects of development in Amman over the past four decades and later occompaoied the delegation members on a tour of the Roman amphitheatre and other projects and gardens inside the capital. The delegation leaves for home

ches in all governorates including

the Jordan Valley region," Ara-

hlyat said following a meeting by

the higher agricultural council on

The council, meeting under

Wednesday.

Farmers to have new federation

AMMAN (J.T.) — All farmers the Kingdom, will create branand citizens working in the agricultural fields will be entitled to join the projected Jordanian farmers federation which will come into being once it has been approved by the government, according to Minister of Agricul-

ture. Sulciman Arabiyat ii... Arahiyat's chairmanship, was in a statement published by the press the minister said a draft law supply, water and irrigation and on the new federation had been municipal and rural affairs and finalised and now awaits official the environment. the West Bank through the nprisgovernment endorsement before further measures can be taken for its formal establishment in Jor-

> "Once it has been set up, the federation, the first of its kind in

that the meeting defined sources for financing the federatioo's activities which will benefit all farmers' societies in the country.

Projects in south seek to improve pèople's lives

ning of June will witness the start and forest trees and repairing of several development schemes in the Tafileh governorate de-signed to help alleviate the negative effects of this year's drought and the present unemployment, according to Tafileh Governor Khalaf Al Maharmeh.

The governor said that as of the first of the coming month work will begio throughout the governorate of Tafileh on maintenance of roads, development of water springs, huilding of agri-

TAFILEH (J.T.) — The begin-cultural roads, planting of fruit canals, projects which are bound to improve the economic situation and employ further numbers of citizens in the governorate.

> He said that JD 100,000 have been received out of JD 500,000 allocated for development projects, according to plans announced by Prime Minister Mudar Badran during his visit to the Tafileh governorote last

The following listings are com-piled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Residers are advised to verify the lated time and place with the AMMAN (J.T.) - An Egyptian national fiving in Amman and two of his accomplices have been concurred institutions. arrested within hours of stealing a EXHIBITIONS car and large amounts of cash found inside it, according to a report in the local press Friday.

Exhibition of paintings and scriptures by five Jordanian artists at Abdul Hamsed Sho-man Foundation (10:00 a.m.

Art exhibition by students of Nezareth Sisters School at the French Cultural Centre. Art exhibition by Hussi Alm Ekraym at the Alia Art Gal-

lery.

Exhibition of paintings depicting national heritage, nature and the Arab woman by Lailu Al Shawas at Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts.

Exhibition of paintings by Randa Berouti at Goethe Insti-

LECTURES

Lecture by Dr. Moltamonad Jawad Ridha entitled "oll. education, and the upcoming international struggle in the Arabian Gulf¹⁷ at Abdul Handd Shousen Foundation at 6:30 p.m.

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Princess Alia attends horse show

programmes at schools and camps.

AMMAN (Petra) - Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Friday

attended the Arabian horse show, held at the royal stables in Hummar to raise funds for the Friends of the Liver Patients

Society. Princess Alia said that horse-riding was one of the most

beautiful and useful kinds of sports. Princess Alia said horse-

riding was part of the Arab heritage and called for directing

special care to original Arabian horses and training them to

participate in world horse shows. The event is designed to raise

funds for the Friends of the Liver Patients Society, to enable it

undertake the necessary studies and support the health education

ACC transport ministers meet Tuesday

AMMAN (Petra) — The general secretaries at the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) ministries of transport will hold a

meeting in Amman Tuesday. The discussions will deal with

setting a mechanism and formulas for the implementation of the

cooperation agreement the ACC countries signed recently in

Amman, which deals with cooperation in land transport of people and goods. The conference, will furthermore, define the subjects

and recommendations to be presented to the ACC ministers of

transport during the meeting they will hold in Amman in June.

TUNIS (Petra) - Jordan's ambassador to Tunisia, Tolal Al

Hassan Friday discussed with Tunisian Director-General of Radio

and Television Saladdin Ma'awyeh means to bolster bilateral

Jordan, Tunisia to boost media relation

It said that the Egyptian, identified by police only as A.T.H., who used to work for the car owner and accompany him in the mornings to take his children to school in Jabal Amman, had A 21-year-old Egyptian and known all along that his employer

accompanied the girls to the

two of his accomplices stole a car belonging to B.Kh.J. from Um Uthaina district while it was parked near the Ahliyeh School for Girls on May 15, according to the report. It said that the car owner had kept a briefcase inside the car

containing \$25,000, JD 7,000 in cash and JD 18,000 in cheques. The three thieves stole the car, drove it to Hay Nazzal district, took away the briefcase and shared the money before aban-doning the car which was later

carried the money in the briefcase and soon had a duplicate made for the car key which was later used by the three thieves, the report said. It said oo the day of the robbery, the Egyptian and the car owner locked the parked car and

school only to return later and find it had vanished. The Egyptian worker had to admit to having plotted the robbery, with the other two and this found by police petrols in the

led to their immediate arrest and the restoration of the stolen

With deep sorrow the Spanish Embassy wishes to communicate the demise of the Defence Attache, Col. Wences-

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A condolesces book will be opened at the Chancery of the Embassy on Thursday the 17th, and Saturday the 19th, of May 1990, between 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

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'Stop' must mean stop

ON THE occasion of World Traffic Week which fell on Sunday banners are beginning to appear on major thoroughfares in Amman reminding drivers that a "stop" sign means a complete stop and not a license to cross intersections without as much as a wink. This is a good start but hardly enough. It is a foregone conclusion that ignoring Stop signs is a major contributor to traffic accidents, and it is too obvious to deserve a comment. Jordanian drivers are notorious for turning a blind eye to "Stop" signs and part of the blame goes to our traffic authorities who are more preoccupied with parking violations than with drivers who whiz through "Stop" signs in utter disregard for normal driving habits.

Granted that educating drivers about the significance of traffic signs must go on with vigour and determination but that alone is not likely to stop one of the major reasons for traffic accidents in the country.

If one examines the record of traffic violation tickets that police met out to drivers periodically there are hardly any mention of "Stop" sign violations. In this vein, the traffic denartment becomes an accomplice to the raging traffic crisis. There is no sliver of doubt that had our traffic department been more concerned about "Stop" signs, it would have conducted a much more determined effort to eliminate its contravention with relative ease. Post traffic police at random "Stop" signs and watch the number of traffic violation tickets that could be given to drivers who pass through them undeterred by all the rules and regulations governing them. Perhaps the banners festooning the streets of urban areas in the Kingdom suggest that a more vigorous policy against "Stop" sign violators is in the offing. If this is true, then drivers and pedestrians alike have a reason to rejoice. If not then the concerned authorities are respectfully invited to attend to this problem in a much more forceful way. Insurance companies can also be invited to share in the effort to change Jordanian driving habits by hiking insurance premiums on those who are caught violating "Stop" signs. Jordanian drivers can also lend support to the campaign to stop the violation of "Stop" signs by driving more reasonably when crossing the roads and highways of the country. In the final analysis, it is they, the drivers and their passengers, who stand to benefit most from this new policy. Is there a better way to observe the message of Traffic Week than to have all Jordanians cooperate with the traffic department to make Jordan a safer place to drive in?



JORDANPRESS EDITORIALS

Commenting on a statement by the first deputy prime minister of Iraq in Cairo about Israel's plans to launch an aggression on Iraq, Al Ra'i daily said that there is no alternative for the Arat . Jut to mobilise their forces behind Iraq to confront Israel's adventures. The paper said that Iraq is not only defending its own soil, but rather the Arab Nation as a whole; and it is the duty and respsonsibility of the Arabs to pool their forces and deter aggression. The paper said that it is incumbent on all Arab states to take part in the coming summit in Baghdad because such a summit will not be a mere political demonstration, bur rather a real show of unity and platform for joint Arab action in the face of

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily writes on the new municipal council in Zarqa and says that its election came amidst an atmosphere of democratisation now going on in the Kingdom. Now that the council has been elected, the people of Zarqa and surrounding areas are looking forward to a new city and a reconstruction process which would reflect the slogans raised by the candidates who won in the elections, according to Badr Abdul Haq. The writer says that the streets of Zarqa are in dire need of rebuilding. the Zarga children need gardens to play and the city's cultural and social institutions and youth elubs require a new life. This is the task of the new municipal council elected in a democratic manner on Tuesday and Wednesday, says the writer. The council members be says are facing a formidable task of refurbishing their city, and making it a safer and more pleasant town for its own

Al Dustour daily criticised with bitterness the United States and the Soviet Union for what it says their collusion to cause harm to the Arab Nation. The paper said that as Washington helps and encourages the process of Soviet Jewish immigration into Palestine it tends to give lip service to the Arabs to appease their anger over the situation. The Soviet Union for its part is providing manpower necessary to fatten Israel and to enable its leaders to carry out their aggressive plans in the Arab region, the paper noted. It said that instead of calling on the United States and other countries to end their support for Israel, the Soviet Union is creating a problem for the world community and asking the U.N. Security Council to solve it. The paper said that the recent developments in the immigration question should provide sufficient proof to the Arabs that the superpowers only car for their own interests, and do not have any regard to the principles of justice and right.

View From Amman

Charles de Gaulle in his century

THROUGHOUT history very few men bave had the great honour of having their name stamped on the socio-economic and political doctrine they believed in and advocated. Charles de Gaulie of France was one of this select few with "Gaullism" representing the doctrine he advocated. This year, his beloved France is celebrating his centenial, honouring not only the man himself, but the legacy he so confidently institutionalised in the founding of the Fifth Republic.

With the theme of "De Gaulle In His Century", a series of symposia are scheduled throughout 1990 designed to focus on the elements of stability he introduced into French political life, as well as his impact on Europe and the world at large. One such symposium focusing on his impact on domestic politics was recently beld at the now restored great Abbey of Fonteurand in The Loire Valley. The grandeur of the venue of the meeting was befitting the man who, perhaps more than any other Frenchman since Louis XIV. left his mark on France, Europe and the world.

Though a man of mood and charisma, he had a vision of the future. The future not only of his nation, but of the world as well. The vision he held, he executed in a series of policies on the international level and in the institutions he founded at home.

On the international level. he was quick in realising the dangers emanating from the bipolarisation that occurred in the wake of the Second World War, between East and West: thus his policy! independent of Washington and the NATO alliance, emerged. While he was villified by many Americans, sometimes even ridiculed, for this independent line, his policy had at least three major historical consequences. It provided and alternative to the Soviet bloc within the Western camp, thus reduc-

ing the level of international tension, while at the same time, it tended to deflate American arrogance of power by forcing the United States to think twice before initiating any more that might result in confrontation. In an intensely ideological area, his often anti-American prononneements made anti-Americanism respectable at a time when anyone holding such sentiments was accused of being communist. This, in turn, made nonalignment of Third World countries acceptable. If France could be non-aligned, why was it then not possible for other countries to do so? The third consequence of his independent policies was his paving of the way for the creation of the future European power bloc which is still in the making.

The emergence of the Europe of the 1990s and beyond, was facilitated by two ideas that de Gaulle held. First, France, indeed the west, must divest itself of its colonies the new emerging nations on a new footing. Otherwise, France would be involved in long liberation struggles that would be both costly and exhausting. In the back of his mind, de Gaulle was aware of the lessons to be learned from France's involvement in Indo-China and Algeria. Against great odds, he taught the French political right, long the backbone supporting colonialism, that France's greatness of the future must depend on ideas, on culture, not the subjugation of other peoples.

His second idea, in which

again he succeeded, was the rehabilitation of Germany into the community of Europe, indeed the world. His respect and friendship with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer were the cornerstone of the new Franco-German relationship. This policy, often overlooked by observers, continues to have the greatest impact an international politics. It was not easy

the role of the Arab people in support

For example, according to Jorda-

nian sources, there was no repre-sentatives from the Gulf states, while

life, was represented by one profes-

sional union leader. In other cases

according to observers and unionists, the actual position of the unionists is

dictated by their respective govern-

political freedoms in general.

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left or the right of their political spectrum, that the traditional enemy, indeed the nightmare of France could be trusted, indeed as events later proved, turned into a reliable ally and friend.

De Gaulle's domestic poli-

cies were of momentous consequence as well. Like his contributions in the international area, here again, only a few can be pointed out. Perhaps his greatest contribution was the rehabilitation of the French political right for the first time since the Glorious Revolution of 1789. Since the "Ancien Regime", the French right had been discredited, radical and almost always on the fringe of respectability. It is now possible to be non-gauche and re-spectable at the same time.

Ganllism created a mainstream current somewhere to the right of centre that became successful in attracting certain radicals from both poles, left and right, towards the centre. This social reconciliation, occurring again for the first time since the fall of the Bourbons, became the basis not only of the present political stability, but social peace and economic prosperity as well. It ended up by making it possible not only to combine the right and democracy as was the case with de Gaulle himself, but also democracy and the left as well as is the case with Francois Mitterrand. He did not pull the rug from under the feet of either side, he merely placed one in the middle.

It is a vision and principle that distinguishes a statesman from a politician or a mere ruler. De Gaulle had both. De Gaulle succeeded like no other Frenchman in changing the direction of France's destiny so it would remain for a long time to come a positive force and a bulwork of stability in international politics.

Right of Return March:

Catalyst to Arab solidarity

By Lamis Andoni

THE "RIGHT TO RETURN" march by thousands to the bridge across the River Jordan last Monday which turned into the biggest display yet of solidarity with the 30-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories is viewed by organisers as well as analysts as a potential launching point for the mobilisation of an all-out Arab popular movement in support of the anti-occupation

"We expect the march to break the unforgivable silence and stagnation in Arab support for the intifada," commented an Arab participant in the march who said he was very encouraged to witness such a rally of solidarity in a frontline state.

In fact, the "reactivation" of the role of the Arab masses and popular organisations was cited as one of the main objectives of the march by its organisers — Jordan's influential professional associations and unions. Another objective, they said, was to build popular Arab pressure on Arab governments to effectively extend financial support for the intifada.

An equally important goal was to draw Arab and international attention to the dangers inherent in the massive Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel and the fact that the threats are not limited to the Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip since Jordan could find itself at the receiving end of a forced Palestinian exodus to the East Bank — a prospect against which His Majesty King Hussein has repeatedly warned.

To emphasise the danger confronting Jordan, banners and slogans raised during the massive march to the bridge included this very pointed slogan: "Soviet Jewish immigration equals Palestinian transfer.

Arab and Jordanian political activists emphasised the oced for effective Arab support for Jordan's steadfastness "at this point in time more than ever, particularly that Israel must be very much disturbed by the democra-tisation process in the Kingdom."

"If it was not for the democratisation in Jordan, this march would not have been possible," said an Arab writer who was in Jordan a few days before the event. "Such popular mobilisation must be very worrisome to the Israeli leaders who have always

viewed Jordan as a buffer state." Most analysts agree that the democratisation era is transforming Jordan into a catalyst for increased Arab interaction with the intifada. Seen in light of such viewpoints, it was not a coincidence that the "Right of Return March" was preceded by a two-day conference in support of the intifada and to discuss the means to counter the repercussions of Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel.

The conference was attended by about 70 nominated delegates from professional associations and unions from the Arab World who also took part in the march as representatives of their popular organisations.

In a final statement, the participants in the conference called on

Arab states to fulfill their financial pledges towards supporting the intifa-da and undertook to organise demon-strations of solidarity with the Palestimian people and activities aimed at raising funds for the intifada by popular organisations in other Arab coun-

These calls were reinforced by the "Right of Return" marchers, who condemned in their chants the "official Arab silence and repression." At one stage during the march, several groups of young people sang improvised songs containing scathing criticism of some rich Arab countries which have failed to provide sufficient support for the anti-occupation revolt

being waged in the West Bank and

The slogans officially endorsed by the organisers of the march were harsh against the American policy but did not contain any attack on any Arab country. Instead, there was a call for the revival of the "Eastern In an apparent bid to influence the

participating Arab organisations into pressuring their governments to en-dorse a unified Arab position in support of the intifeda and the Palestinian quest, the organisers of the march arranged a visit to the bridge earlier in the day. It was confined to leaders of Arab professional associations and a number of Palestinians expelled from the occupied territories by the Israeli author-

. Stunned Arabs

The visit proved to be a very moving experience for many. "I had never been to the bridge before," said an Iraqi union leader. "To see the and preventing the indigenous people from returning to their land was an experience in itself," he commented to the Jordan Times. "It is always more effective to see than to bear about tragedies."

A delegation from Tunisia, which arrived a little late for the visit, was equally "stunned," according to a Jordanian activist who accompanied the team. "They were barely able to control their emotions when they saw for themselves the narrow little bridge which represents one of the greatest barriers," be told the Jordan

Journalists were supposed to accompany the delegations to the bridge, but most missed out due to a confusion over the precise timing and schedule. Many taking part in the visit were reported to have raised pro-Palestinian slogans right at the bridge under the very nose of the Israeli soldiers across the river.

Some of them who have visited the birdge earlier reported a visible Israeli reinforcement near the bridge, which was reportedly closed by the occupation forces for about four hours, delaying several groups of

tourists waiting to cross.
"The visit to the bridge and the march itself were very emotioncharged," said an Arab unionist.
"They put the Arab participants face to face with an aspect of the reality of the suffering of the Palestinian peo-

Even the unfortunate violence at the end when Jordanian security forces had to disperse demonstrators from proceeding to the bridge was viewed by Arab participants as a dramatic manifestation of the growing popular frustration, anger yearning to liberate the usurped Arab

One moving moment, cited by many demonstrators, including those who bad exercised self-constraiot, was the emotionally choked calls by the organisers and parliament members, including Dr. Mamdouh Abbadi. Taher Masni and Fares Nabulsi for the enthusiastic crowd not to cross the agreed-upoo point of the march.
"In the name of the inifada, in the name of Palestine, in the name of our martyrs, please return, please do not proceed further," pleaded a number of activists unable to hide their emotions, as thousands stood on the sandy hills facing the Israeli check nts defiantly waving Jordanian and

The question, however, remains: How effective in practical terms will the march be in influencing and mobilising collective Arab - official and popular — campaings to help the intifada and to promote its national goals and objectives:

Judging by the procedures of the "popular conference," inter-Arab differences intervened to prevent a consensus on practical steps. For example, contrary to expectations there were no practical steps to express anger at American policies. The final by most analysts and observers, its communique fell short of urging a boycott of American products. either the lack of democratic institutions, their control by government or weakness which have so far limited Many believed it was premature

and perhaps unpractical but to a certain extent we have to remember that we still deal with a very highly consumption-prone societies," a Jordanian professional activist noted. The conference, however, "recommended" that delegations from Arab professional associations be formed

rants "to explain both to the governments and Jewish communities the dangerous and aggressive repercus-sions" of emigration to Israel. Observers could not but point out that the final statement referred to recommendations and not to binding

decisions and interpret it as yet

to visit the Soviet Union and other

ferences and lack of effective effort. Inter-Arab differences were mainly evident in the rejection of the Syrian delegation of the final statement. In Agency (SANA) transmitted its own final statement, which protested at what it viewed "as timid and conciliatory final communique." The Syrian

delegation was pressing for a more militant statement calling for armed struggle and the liberation of all of Palestine, according to sources. "We told them that we are ready to back such a statement if Arab governments, or at least Syria, was practically ready to start a liberation war or at least open its frontiers for armed operations against Israel," a veteran Jordanian professional unionist told the Jordan Times.

But, in the final analysis, as viewed

ON Dec. 2, 1988, Ms. Benazir

By Dr. Lal Baha Ali

Bhutto was sworn in as prime minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. As the beir to the political legacy of her late father, Zulfi-kar Ali Bhutto, who was prime minister of Pakistan from 1971 to 1977, she has the honour of becoming the first woman to head the government of an Islamic country.

Ms. Benazir Bisutto came to power after eleven years of intense political struggle against the military dictatorship of the late General Zia Ul Haq, In 1977, General Zia deposed her father in a military Kowait, which is currently engaged in coup d'etat, Two years later Mr. Binutto was executed, leaving his daughter to lead the political party he had founded in 1967, the Pakistan People's Party.
During a decade of political struggle, Ms. Bhatto spent nearly ment's positions towards a peaceful settlement, the Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) and public and six years either in prison or under detention. However, despite the Moreover, the Muslim Brother restraints placed on her and the hood's boycott of the march - citing ban on political activity imposed by commitment to Jihad as the only the military regime, Ms. Bhutto continued to mobilise and guide means of liberating all of Palestine was also pointed out by analysts as a factor that might impede the aspired the opposition. In the process, she transformed the Pakistan People's mobilisation process in countries Party into an effective political for representative government. fluential. "On the other hand, their

Born on June 21, 1953 in boycott might backfire against the Karachi, Ms. Benazir Bbutto contmovement taking into consideration the overwhelming popular Arab sentiments towards the intifada," an pleted her early education in Pakistan. For further studies, she proceeded abroad, and attended Arab participant commented. Radcliff College in Cambridge, Massachusetts (1969-73), and Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford (1973-77). "Nevertheless, the movement, which has been gaining strength in Jordan — including the democratisation pro-In December 1976, she became the first Asian woman to become prescess and the solidarity activities with ident of the Oxford Union, the prestigious debating society where many international figures distingthe intifada - is definitely going to help a great deal in generating some form of action in many Arab counuished themselves in their student tries," another Arab professionalist days. She obtained a degree in philosophy, politics and econo-mics. Also she completed a course predicted. "The intifada will no longer feel and should no longer be isolated from its Arab environment. in international law and diplomacy

The early months of Prime-Minister Bhutto's government have displayed her understanding of the political art of compromise and conciliation. She has entered into coalitions in order to ensure the involvement and representation of other political parties throughout the country. Prime Minister Bhutto has en-

Distinguished leader

sured the restoration of the constitution, principle of freedom of association by lifting the ban on student unions in the universities, and on trade union activities imposed under the military regime. She has instructed her law officers in to initiate measures for the separation of the judiciary from the executive in order to guarantee the future of independence and integrity of the courts. She intends also to work towards reducing disty between men and women. Her government has launched a massive programme of reform in the health and education sectors.

AG: Prime Minister Bhutto enjoys great world-wide popularity; she has become part of popular folklore as a woman of courage and conviction. A place is given to her in the International Hall of Fame in San Francisco, and a wax figure. soon to be unveiled, in Madam Tussaid's War Museum in London. She is the recipient of the Bruno Kreisky Award for Human Rights conferred in Vienna in 1988, and the Honorary Phi Beta Kappa Award (1989) presented by Raddiff College. Honorary fel-lowships have also been conferred on her by Lady Margaret Hall and St. Catherine's College, Oxford.

Prime Minister Bhotto is married, and has a son and a daughter.

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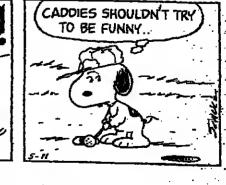
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Ban on male hairdressers — more than meets the eye

By Nermeen Murad

information reached the Jordan Times that the government has reversed a decision banning

Association magazine of 1986

and confirmed again on pages 569 and 570 under article 1,193

of the collection of the Supreme

Court principles (second edition) published by the Jordan

Distribution Agency stipulates:

There is nothing in the

trade licensing law that would

ban a man from opening a

ladies beauty perfour.

The fact that the country's

religion is Islam and Islam does .

not allow a stranger to touch the "oura" (translated as pri-

vate parts in the dictionary) of a

Muslim woman does not con-

tradict licensing a women's

beauty parlour to the applicant

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This column was written before male hairdressers from working at beauty parloars catering to

THE COVERNMENT'S doc- - Opening a beauty pariour, sion to ben male hundressers on its own, does not conflict with the stipulation in the Confrom owning beauty parlours or easering for female clients is not stitution that the country's relionly unconstitutional, it also gron is Islam and is not a call to contravenes a 1990 decision by violate the teachings of Islamic the Supreme Court rejecting Sharia, since there are women such a measure in the city of in the country who do not consider beautifying themselves a measure which would lessen Supreme Court decision 24 of the year 1980 published on page 1,619 of the Lawyers

It is obvious from the text of the law above that the government does not have to respond to pressure from the Islamist groups, which proposed this law at the Lower House of Parliament in the first place, and thus infringed upon the civil liberties of a large sector of society whose rights are pro-tected by the Constitution.

their modesty.

Although seemingly insignificant on its own, the government's decision is only a step in a line of concessions to accommodate what is believed to be the will of the Islamists. The government cannot interpret democracy in this manner, as is obvious by the rating of the

Supreme Court 10 years ago. Obviously, the Snpreme Court's decision has larger implications than the issue of hairdressers at band. It places a clear distinction between the Constitution's stipulation that the country's religion is Islam and the issuance of laws which limit the personal freedoms of the general public.

The ruling stresses and highlights one of the basic tenets of democracy, which is freedom of choice. The Constitution obviously stipulates that all citizens, regardless of sex or origin, are equal in rights and obligations. So, the Constitution guarantees the hairdressers the right to choose the type of work they want and denies the issuance of a law which would differentiate between one citizen from another in the name of protecting morality.

This is the Constitution that we have been clinging to as the foundation of the democratic march in Jordan.

However, the legal argument does not end there. The Constitution also stipulates that personal liberty is protected. This particular article is one of very few articles in the Constitution that was not tailed with a limiting stipulation governing it by laws. Absolutely no one can infringe on this article in the Constitution; not even the government. This article obviously allows women the liberty to choose the place they want to have their hair done and goes as far as protecting it.

Reference to legal documents and the articles of the Constitution in this matter is not done because hairdressing is a national security issue that needs legal analysis. It is only because the government's decision is an outright attack on legal norms and on the articles of the Constitution and as such it subjugates women to the whims and fancies of political groups that aim to limit the freedom of Jordanian citizens in the name of democracy and

the rule of the majority. If the government is going to continue submitting to the de-

dominated society is being faithfully represented in the government, which, lost for something to pacify some deputies with, opted to infringe upon the rights of women, who do not matter and will not matter until real democracy influences this country.

The real problem is that the public at large is not concerned right now because this particu-

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mands of these groups, I am afraid, it will not be long before women get confined to their homes and their "divine role" of motherhood and house-

The government, which must abide by the Constitution, seems now to be turning against what is generally believed by men to be the weaker sex, women. It seems that onr malelar decision touches on the men's need to be the decisionmakers and only limits the civil rights of women. But what is

Will male gynaecologists be banned from treating their patients in the name of morality? Will private companies be required to segregate their female employees from their male employees? Will all men be re-

quired to grow beards and wear white thoubs? Where does this violation of personal choice and civil liberty stop?

Again, the issue is not over male haridressers and their livelihood or the fancies of women over their looks. The issue goes much deeper than that. It is an issue of the basic human and civil rights of citizens in a country which faces external political and military threats as well as severe economic problems.

The question asked by many who were shocked by the government's decision is: "Have the executive and legislative authorities already completed all the measures needed to rectify Jordan's economic problems? Only in such a situation would the government and the Lower House of Parliament be allowed to shift their efforts to issues such as hairdressers.

Has the land of Palestine been returned to its original owners, Palestinians (men and women)? Only then would the people who were overjoyed over the prospect of electing persons capable of handling pressing economic and political issues accept the discussion of issues as insignificant to the country as hairdressers. Male hairdressers won't bring Palestine back.

When we are only taking the first steps towards national economic and political reforms, does it seem necessary to the policies which are obviously infringing upon the freedom of

The answer seems simple. Some deputies have made loud pledges to their constituencies to introduce social reform, along with economic and political reform. They feel incapable of providing the more important pledges so they are turning to insignificant issues to show that they are doing something. Well, they are not. And the people will not be fooled by these decisions. When the majority of the public is finding trouble making ends meet they will not be pacified by the fact that their daughters, wives and mothers are not going to male hairdressers

The only route now open to the women and men of this country who believe in the introduction of a healthy society. economically, politically and socially, is to stand up to these trends and refute them legally. The era of sitting down and waiting should be over.

The men and women of this country have sat down and watched as the Constitution was violated again and again over issues pertaining to the status of women in this society. They watched as the Passport Department required women to provide letters from their "male guardians" allowing them to acquire passports, a right that is

constitutionally guaranteed to all citizens regardless of sex. Women watched as brothers killed sisters, fathers killed daughters in the name of morality and "family honour." These are oot issues that only noset women, they upset men who hold their mothers, sisters, daughters and female relatives in high esteem, and who respect the role of womeo in society. When is it going to end?

It is about time that women

in this country started proving that they do not need governmeot-imposed laws to guard their honour or morality. Who by constitutional right, can dictate that women would not know bow to behave if their passports were not governed by male guardians? Absolutely no one. The government ban on male hairdressers proves that there is a last-ditch attempt by the patriarchal society to tie another knot in the rope that has been holding women by the neck in the came of protecting them. Women are able human beings who have been blessed with minds of their own and should be treated as such. It is time that this society started to comprehend that morality and discipline are personal traits that cannot be dictated through laws. And women will no longer be scapegoats for influential men who are looking to pacify political groups looking for ways to pacify certain — but by no means at all - segments of

Final hearing set for Monday on 'Qadiani' case

By P. V Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - A Jordanian ac cused of being a member of the outlawed Qadiani sect of Islam has been given until Monday to produce a written explanation of his intentions when he signed a paper in 1987 seen by the court se sinding allegiance to the mystical group but refuted by the defendant in the controversial case.

_"The Sharia prosecutorthe presentation of documents to the court, including a paper signed by the accused on June 17, 1987, pledging allegiance to the Qadianis," Naour Sharia Court Judge Khaled Ourcigat told the Jordan Times. It was the third hearing of the case, and the court will complete its deliberations Monday after reviewing the explanation to be submitted by the defendant," he said in a telephone inter-

According to the judge, the accused, journalist and writer Ibrahim Abu Nash, told the court Wednesday that "there was a purpose behind his signing of the documents and this would be explained in the paper he is expected to submit to the court by Monday."

court by Monday,"

If found guilty, the accused could be ordered separated from his wife and children on grounds that the marriage was unit and void in

Islam, his property confiscated and prescribed in Islamic law against "apostates," including imprisonment and immunity for anyone who sheds his blood if he continues to adhere to his beliefs: However, the process 'could 'be 'reversed if 'the "spostate" publicly repents but he would have to "remarry" his wife under a new marriage contract if he wishes to be reunited with his

taken cartier last week to separate Abu Naab from his wife has been withdrawn. Judge Oureigat said that "the decision was a precautionary separation, and the court requested the governor of Amman to frozze the implementation of the

The order was issued Monday at the second hearing of the case, when Natus Abu Nath, son of the accesed who attended the session, was sentenced for one week in jail for "contempt of court." Nafae Abu Nash, a young businessman.s-pent one day and night at the Juweidah prison before being re-leased after "his father petitioned the court," Judge Oureignt told the

Jordan Times.

But, according to Abu Naab, the order was withdrawn after the governor of Amman contacted various other authorities in the country, including the chief latamic justice, and decided that he (the governor) could not carry it out. The governor could not be reached for comment.
The case is the second in recent

times io Jordan related to the Qadianis, an offshoot of the Ahmadivah sect which was founded in the town of Qadian in Punjab, India, in 1889 by Mirza Gulam Ahmad (1839-1908), who claimed himself to be a "reappearance (buruz) of the Prophet Mohammad, the Christian Messiah and a reincarnation of Lord Krishna, "revered as the lord processor in Hindulan." "According to Indee Outsides.

the prosecution of Oadranis under Islamic law draws in legal base from the Holy Koran and the traditions of the Prophet Mohammad. issued a fatwa (religious decree) clearing the way for prosecuting Qadianis under Islamic law, a

lawyer noted. The earlier case board in Jordan and tried by the same court about six weeks ago involved Taher Kazaq, a businessman. According to Judge Ourciqut, the court found that Kazaq was the leader of Qadianis in Jordan. Kazaq was ordered "separated" from his wife but when he "repented", all pro-ceedings againts him were with-drawn and he "remarried" his wife.

According to Abu Nash, the Sharis prosector-general, Abdullah Shamsylch, who filed the case against him in the name of public right, is also demanding that the accused be banned from writing as preting the Holy Koran.

Abu Nash confirmed that he had attended a world conference of Qadianis held in London in June 1987 after he was approached by the sect for media coverage of the event, "I was accompanied by my son, and I paid for the air fare and

other expenses," he told the Jordan Times. "It was strictly a professional assignment as a journalist. The paper that I signed was only aimed at gaining entry to the closelyarded sanctuary of the Qudianis with a view to obtaining in-depth information on the sect."

"I was only exercising the right of a journalist to take the various options available to gather information," he said. "It is true that I agned the paper, but the paper does not say that I owe my alle-

"In fact, joining the Qadianis involves a complex procedure,"he said. "One has to undertake to pay 16 per cent of his annual income and bequeath 10 per cent of all sasets to the sect, in addition to a pledge to carry out all orders issued by the group's leadership. Only then could one be considered a

Furthermore, he said, "my son and myself left the London conference before it concluded since we were convinced that the entire thing was a falschood."

The paper that I signed was apparently given to the court by the Cadianis themselves, who became my enemies after I exposed them," Abu Nash said and referred to an Arabic-Language book he pub-lished in 1989 entitled "The Qadianis Explode from Within-"The book explains the beliefs and customs of the Qadians, who have a strong presence in Britain, Pakistan and some regions of India and small amunities in West Africa and the United States. The doctrine of the Ahmadiyah sect, condemned by Islamic religious leaders, includes a contention that Jesus Christ feigned death and resurrection, and fled to

India where he died at the age of 120, and an interpretation that jihad (holy war) is a battle against unbelievers to be waged by peaceful means rather than by vio

By all accounts, the Quediani sect, which broke away from the mainstream Ahmadiyah group after the death of Mirza Gulam Ahmad, is believed to have a strong financial base and its members are zealous missionaries, preaching Ahmadi beliefs as the one true Islam with Mohammad and Mirza Gulam Ahmad as prophets. The grandson of Mirza Guiam Ahmad is currently

the "emir" of the sect.
The Ahmadiyah sect, now believed to be stronger in Egypt than elsewhere, including its place of origin, according to some accounts, considers Gulam Mirza Ahmad only as a reformer (mu-

jaddid). Most Islamic countries have outlawed both the Ahmadiyah and Oadiani secta.

Abu Nash told the Jordan Times that stiending the London confer-ence was his first close encounter with the Oadianis and the gathering "convinced (him) that the sect was doomed" and that he had "told its centenary of the group) will witness the beginning of the end for the Quellanis."

"In fact, Hassan Odeh, a thirdgeneration Qadiani from Palestine, told me in 1989 that my words had been proven true," Abu Naab said.
"Odeh was the leader of the

Osdianis in the Middle East, and he quit the group in 1989."

No definite figure on the number of Qadianis in Jordan is available but knowledgeable sources would not put it higher than half a dozen.

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Shamir ruled out a new alliance with Labour.
"I did not discuss this possibility with Labour Party leader (Shimon) Peres and I think it is not

realistic today," he said. In other developments, Labour announced it would delay by 10 days the publication of an internal report placing blame for the party's poor showing in the 1988 parliament elections and 1989 municipal balloting.

The report, which reportedly criticises Peres, was to have been published Thursday. It is expected to boost the campaign by former Prune Minister Yitzhak Rabin to oust Peres as party boss.

Peres Thursday tried to diminish the expected impact of the report, saying on israel army "We don't speak of guilt or a crime here but of a theoretical thing, how to run an elections

rign. Some can say it should be done this way, some another ... I think this report was lost because of ecaggerated, irresponsible leaks." Rabin, who served as defence

minister in the last government, has demanded elections for party leader be held by next week. Peres has agreed in principle to a vote but said the party should wait at least until it becomes clear whether Shamir will be able to form a government.



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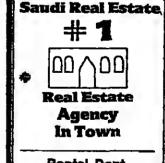
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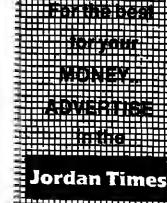
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German cabinets approve economic union treaty

BONN (11) --- The cabinets of East and West Germany approved Friday a treaty on currency and economic union that will launch the two states formally on the road to political unification.

Germany's currency and its freemarket economic system into East Germany from July 1, was to he signed by Bonn's Finance Minister Theo Waigel and East Berlin's Walter Romberg in Bonn later Friday.

The signing, just six months after harding communist rule installed in East Berlin after World War II collapsed in a peaceful revolution, marks the beginning of the end of East Germany's existence as a separate state.

"The common economic order of both German states will be

The treaty, introducing West (West Germany's) social market economy," said a Bonn Finance Ministry statement announcing Western approval.

"With the beginning of the monetary, economic and social union on July 1, the conditions for a broad influx of private capital and a rapid economic recovery in the German Democratic Republic will be created."

Chancellor Helmnt Kobl's centre-right coalition made a last review of the treaty before the Bonn cabinet approved it.

In East Berlin, a government spokesman said the cabinet

approved the document. A 16member delegation led by Prime Minister Lothar Maiziere then left for Bonn for the signing

"This treaty demands from East Germany... the willingness, on the road to German unity, to give up a large part of its sovereignty into the hands of the West German government and Bundeshank (central bank)," Otto Lambsdorff, leader of the Liberal Free Democrats (FDP), told a party meeting in Bonn.

The FDP is the junior partner in the coalition led by Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU).

The Finance Ministry said the Bonn cabinet had also approved a

supplementary budget of three billion marks, largely start-up aid for a new East German pension

and social security system.

The "German unity" fund, agreed Tuesday, will make available 115 billion marks to East Germany.

"The second supplementary budget makes clear: Tax increases are not necessary to finance German unity," the Finance Ministry said.
CDU and FDP parliamenta-

rians gave their backing to the treaty before a cabinet meeting chaired by Kohl after his return from talks in Washington with President George Bush.

"Rarely bas our party decided on matters of comparable weight

"German unity" fund to help finance unification and a second supplementary budget of three CDU, told his colleagues.

Dregger, noting that the treaty was being signed six months and nine days after the Berlin Wall was opened November 9, said the two Germanys should press ahead to full unification as quickly as possible.

moment. Circumstances have never been more auspicious," he

"We want to use this historic

Kohl hopes all-German elections to a new parliament in December this year or January 1991 will complete the unification

East Germany's conservativeled coalition, elected in the country's first free elections in March, will have to make the hard deci-

sions on restructuring its antiquated industry that could lead to mass umemployment.
In the longer term, both coun-

tries bope Western-style free markets will produce an "economic miracle" similar to that enjoyed by West Germany in the post-war years.

West Germany revealed the extent of East Germany's debts Thursday - a figure kept secret by the country's former Stalinist

Finance Minister Waigel gave the information at a news conference to mark the end of talks on a state treaty.
"The East German budget will

have a deficit of 33 billion marks (\$20 billion) in the second balf of 1990 and one of 53 billion marks (\$32 billion) in 1991."

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY MAY 19, 1990 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

HOROSCOPE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This is a good day to delve into all the whys and wherefures of all the principles and precepts that are causing you confusion at the mo-

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Beware of getting upset early by a condition holding you back from new plan but later you can look into every phase of promises made and carry through with them.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Don't lend an acquaintance money in the morning nr you lose a comrade but you find instead you can discuss joint aims with an associate to good efforts.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Don't do what an official objects to early but later you are able to delve intn all aspects of your regular activities, improve them greatly. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Your private wishes conflict early with some new desire so put off action while you have a good time at the various amusements vou like.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) The practical and the idealistic are at swords point with you this morning so ignore them and put your efforts into getting home conditions as will

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Promises broken early should not be taken too seriously and

instead get into the various calls and visits you have been post-

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Dou't leave business this morning to try to get some new appeal in your life but concentrate upon the practical and materialistic goals that pressure you.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Some pleasure that is too per £1) some pleasure that is 600 rich for your blood should be put aside in the morning white you get into best means for bringing personal goals into your orbit.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Don't let tense situation between family member and outsider affect your activities but plan a campaign of action to gain your ambitions.

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AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Don't let a friend who has little to do take you away from your practical responsibilities and instead put your focus upon any worldly duties.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Decide you wont let an official get in way of your plans and instead think about what is important to you and go after it in a positive manner.

COCOM trade changes may cause problems for Moscow

By Catherine Arnst Reuter

LONDON -- Western allies appear ready to rewrite their restrictions on electronics exports in a way that could freeze out the Soviet Union while permitting its former satellites access to the latest in high But trade experts said any

discrimination against the Soviet Union would be ineffective in the long run because Moscow was unlikely to settle for third-rate technology while the rest of the Warsaw Pact was being allowed to catch up with the West.

The East bloc has been barred for 40 years from the latest in computer, telecommunications and other electronics equipment by Western nations concerned that the technology would be used for military pur-

The restrictions are the work of COCOM, the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls, a Paris-based alliance of 17 nations - the NATO members excluding iceland, plus Japan and Au-

stralja. Ever since East bloc states started winning the right last year to control their own destinies. COCOM's European members have pressed for the restrictions to be relaxed or

But the United States, long the most hard-line COCOM member, seems set to bow to

Reuter

LONDON - Reformist

policy-makers in Eastern

Europe, desperate to attract

foreign investment and put

trade on a new international

footing, are speeding up plans to make their practically

worthless currencies accept-

Hungary and Czechoslova-

kia both signalled this week

that currency convertibility

was a top priority in new eco-

numic reform programmes,

following the lead of Poland

whose shock therapy was

based on a strategy to restore

Even the Suviet Union.

where debate over economic

reform has split Kremlin

policy-makers, is being pushed

down the road to convertibility

by disintegration of the old

communist pattern of trade

based on barter and notional

freeing up their exchange rate

but it has taken the pressure

off the economy," said Ingrid Iversen, economist at Amer-

ican Express Bank in New

for moving to convertibility."
For decades under Com-

munism, currencies in Soviet

bloc nations bore little rela-

tionship to supply and demand for heavily subsidised goods in

the domestic market and ex-

change rates were way out of

line with international trade. It

was often a crime to take

money out of the country or hold dollars.

But, as the old systems are

swept away, policy-makers

have quickly become con-vinced that the key to a suc-

cessful transition to Western-

style free markets must be cur-

Major factors

Two major factors bave

spurred Eastern Europe into

rency reform.

action:

"It can serve as good model

"The Poles took a gamble

rouble exchange rates.

York...

able in the West.

value to the zloty.

West European pressure, at

least in part. In recent weeks, Bush administration officials have said that, when COCOM meets in June, the United States would

support a two-tier reform. Barriers to technology trade with East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Romania are expected to be lowered dramatically, while remaining essentially intact for the Soviet Union because of its military strength.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher spelled out the U.S. position in West Germany recently, saying that Washington believed in raising the technology level for na-tions which did not pose a military threat.

But, regarding the Soviet Union, be said: "We support perestroika but the reality is they have the potential to be a great military threat.

"We are not going to turn around and just give the Soviet military the opportunity to catch up with us," he added. Trade experts doubted such a two-tier approach would

"The Soviet Union has been able to get its hands on much of this technology for years, even when it was restricted," said Randy Bregman, director of Soviet and East European services for the Washingtonbased trade consultant APCO

"A lot of these export controls bave more political than

- The Soviet-led trading group COMECON, the Conneil

for Mutual Economic Assist-

ance set np in 1949 as an

alternative to the post-war

Marshall plan era in the West,

is crumbling. Trade within

Eastern Europe, which was

once based on barter and a

notional unit of account, the

"transferable rouble," is in-

creasingly sbifting to bard

- East European nations

are finding that mnch-needed

Western investment is being

hampered by businessmen's

fears that their capital cannot

be freely taken back out of the

ment if there are easy condi-

tions for taking capital out again," said Paul Hare, econo-

mics professor at Heriot Watt

Bndapest and Prague signal-

Hungary's finance minister

led their intentions this week.

designate, Ferenc Rabar, said

Thursday he expected to make

the forint convertible by 1992,

earlier than a three-year timet-

able put forward by leading

economists before March and

And Czechoslovakia's depu-

ty prime minister, Vladimir

Dlouby, announced Monday

that he hoped to make the

crown convertible early next

year with "all the risks that will

Although nations such as

Hungary have been tinkering

with currency reform for years,

it is Pnland's solidarity-led gov-

ernment which has made the

running with its hard hitting

reform programme introduced

In an essential first phase —

economists call it "domestic

convertibility" - the zloty was

devalued to what authorities

saw as a realistic rate and many

In a second stage, called

"current account convertibil-

ity," the Polish government

pledged to make foreign ex-

change available to companies

prices freed from subsidies.

Jan. 1 this year.

April's elections.

University in Edinburgh.

"You can only attract invest-

Western currency.

country.

East Europe speeds up

pace of currency reform

practical value," he said. If Hungary or Poland gets certain technology, it won't be long before those products seep through to the Soviet Union, no matter what formal controls

Bregman said pressure for change would also come from Western manufacturers who see better opportunities in the Soviet Union, a hnge nation 1 rich in natural resources, than small, poor and landlocked countries such as Hungary or Czechoslovakia.

Trade experts said prolonging the COCOM ban could cause the Soviet Union some short-term difficulties as it tried to modernise its backward industrial infrastructure, particularly its system of telecommunications.

The Soviet Union currently uses telephone switches that are more than 30 years old and has only about 10 phone lines per 100 people, a ratio lower than Hungary, East Germany or Czechoslovakia.

By comparison, the United States has about 90 phone lines per 100 people and the West European average is 60 lines.

Mosbacher argued that even the application of 10 year old a technology would help enable the Sovier Union to make big improvements in communications, though it might end up with an analogue dial-up system rather than the digital push-button phones now common in the West.

for trade and backed up the

promise with a \$1 billion boost

to reserves funded by Western

Poland has yet to advance to

a third stage or "full converti-

bility" as in industrial countries

where individuals have free ac-

cess to currency and there are

Economists believe few East

European nations will manage

this before the end of the

decade as they struggle with buge structural problems left

over from the communist era.

democratic legitimacy being

conferred on governments in

Hungary and Czechoslovakia

will enable authorities to take

tough decisions necessary to

put their trade on a limited

convertible basis relatively

Different picture

The Soviet Union, however,

presents a very different pic-

ture and a growing dilemma for President Mikhail Gor-

Unpopularity at home

makes it difficult for Gor-

bachev to introduce price re-

forms in a move to a converti-

ble rouble. But at the same

time, the disintegration of

COMECON system is forcing

Moscow to trade in convertible

Poland, after negotiations

with Moscow, announced

Thursday it would switch its

trade with the Soviet Union to

hard currencies at world prices

The same is true for trade

with East Germany where the

issue has been furced by Bonn

and East Berlin's agreement to replace the East German cur-

rency with the West German

Bnt a recent study by two

U.S. ecnnomists, Stephen

Gardner and Steven Green,

concludes that foreign inves-

tors in the Soviet Union will be

disappointed if they are hoping

for widespread convertibility

from Jan. 1 next year.

mark from July 1.

of the rouble.

quickly.

But they do predict the new

no capital controls.

governments.



F.W. de Klerk

De Klerk seeks European economic support

BRUSSELS (R) - A vision of South Africa as an economic powerhouse rescuing an impoverished continent from its spiral into bankruptcy has been a persistent theme of President F.W.

de Klerk European's tour. Between meetings with prime ministers and heads of state in four countries over the past 10 days, South Africa's white Afrikaner leader has missed no chance to outline his dream to businessmen and bankers.

"The whole of Africa... is on a downhill course. It is becoming poorer and poorer. If you can become more bankrupt than you were before, then that is what is happening in Africa," de Klerk told Belgian parbamentarians in Brussels this week.

We cannot accent responsibility for the whole of Africa but we are prepared to accept coresponsibility with our European partners," be said.

Critics including Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) oppose new investment in South Africa before apartheid is fully dismantled.

They argue that economic pressure has heped to bring the end of white domination within view and that renewed economic links would give de Klerk the power to control the renewal that s under way in South Africa.

Bnt sources on de Klerk's plane as he travels through Europe to promote his vision say he is getting a sympathetic bear-

ing. In Paris, de Klerk dined with businessmen and a socialist trade minister. In Greece he went sailing with industrialists and promised to explore new opportunities for trade.

In Lisbon and Belgium he continued to advocate new foreign investment in South Africa to give his government the means to implement the political reform it proposes.

"I have not come to Europe with my bat in my band to beg for the lifting of sanctions," de Klerk said in Greece.

Instead, be argued then and later, Europe should re-evaluate its punitive economic sanctions in the light of his reforms and his promise of political rights for hlacks. "The time has come in South

Africa for encouragement and not pressure," he said un one In Brussels, de Klerk told con-

servative legislators that sanc-tions, including a European ban on new investments in South Africa, had not influenced his political decisions but had undermined his ability to implement

"Sanctions are crumbling. Our balance sheet is improving yearly. Our debt ratio is among the best in the world. Our trade with Africa bas doubled in two years," he said.

Israel looks for a supercomputer

TEL AVIV (R) - Despairing of sell supercomputers to the Technsecuring a licence to import a U.S. supercomputer, Israel is considering buying one from a West German firm, an official of the leading Israeli technology in-stitute said Friday.

Professor Brian Silver, vicepresident for development at Haifa's Technion Israel Institute of Technology, said representatives of Bonn-based Supernum GMBH visited Israel recently to present a supercomputer.

"We ordered a supercomputer from the American company Cray but we doubt it will be delivered because the United States has refused to give an export licence for it," Silver told

The U.S. government bars the export of powerful computers to countries it thinks could use them to develop nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles. "That left us with no option,

But over the past year a German company which has government backing produced a supercompu- common, ter," Silver added. Supernum's "parallel" super-computer is based on completely

different principles to its U.S. counterpart but is also of great interest to the Technion, Silver

U.S. press reports said Washington withheld licences to

ion and to Israel military industries out of concern over alleged Israeli cooperation with South Africa in developing a mediumrange missile. Western diplomats told Reu-

ters that Israel was angered by reports that the United States was allowing the same supercomputer to be exported to Saudi Arabia.

Though the Technion is staterun, Silver said it did not cooperate with the Israeli government in nuclear development. "No one at Technion builds

missiles and we are not helping

anyone either," he claimed, adding that the nuclear engineering department had closed down. Silver said a new multi-million dollar supercomputer would be used for research in chemistry,

The West German embassy said it had no information on a visit by Supernum officials but technological cooperation between the two countries was

physics and engineering.

A West German political source said Bonn was generally less sensitive about technology transfer than Washington.

"We are not as touchy as the Americans. They think that any little computer has to be put on the list. For us it's not an issue," he told Reuters.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Thursday, May 17, 1990

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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One ounce of gold 369.80/370.20

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UAE council refuses to allow foreigners to own property

ABU DHABI (AP) — The leg-islative anthority in the United Arah Emirates (ÜAE) has unanimously voted against allowing non-UAE nationals to own property in the country.

The 55-member Federal National Council (FNC), which represents the seven emirates federated in the UAE urged the government to issue a law banning property ownership for non-UAE nationals. The FNC is only a consultative body that does not initiate legislation.

"The ban is very important because it has security, economic and social impacts," said council member Ali Al Amiri at a fourhour session late Tnesday.

Rashid Al Owes, annther council member told his colleagues that allowing nonnationals to own property would mean wasting the government's resources and exhausting the budget.

Almost 80 per cent of the UAE's 1.6 million total population are non-nationals mainly from Asian countries led by India and Pakistan, Arabs led by Lebanese and Palestinians, Iranians and British.

"We all know that the indigenous population is very limited, and I call for speeding np the law banning some real-estate firms from selling the land to nonnationals under the pretext of investment," said council member Mobammed Sultan Ibn Some emirates such as Sharjah

ase by non-nationals of property as a means of activating the eco-Council member Salim Al Mahmoud believed that the procedure was "a two-edged weapon" with negative aspects exceeding

the positive ones. He warned that

have been facilitating the purch-

this would reflect on future gen-"The ban of property ownership for non-nationals is a public demand, because violating that is a dangerous phenomenon and we want the land to remain for its owners," said council

There has been no property ownership problems in the emirate of Abu Dbabi

member Mohammed Ibn Bad-

THE BETTER HALF. By Harris HARRIS Smoking cigars is good for mel. Inhaling develops powerful..... iaw muscles!"

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by Herri Arrold and Bob Las Unscramble these four Jumbles. one letter to each squere, to form four ordinary words. 511 EFF3 **ALYMN** ") 1000 National Medical Services GLIEB **FEXNAL** MOST PEOPLE ARE PUT OUT WHEN THEY'RE THIS. TESACK Now arrange the circled letters to Print answer here:

THE Daily Crossword by Roger Coburn

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Manchester United beats Palace 1-0

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al replay Thursday. The two sides tied 3-3 at Wembley Sistardey and Martin's 99th minute strike sented an illtempered rematch that did little to enhance the reptuation of Engish socces...

It was United's sixth cup triumph in 10 limbs and the result mount it may be England's repre-sentative in the Emopean Cup Winners' Cop next season if En-glish clubs are allowed back They have been bunned since

SYDNEY. Australia (AP) -

Three-time world boxing cham-tion left Fenech was hospitalised

riday suffering from what his doctors described as a viral infec-

The illness will force the post-ponement of Fenech's light

gainst Juan Laporte of Puerto

Rico for the vacant World Boxing Council (WBC) super-feath-

erweight championship, sche-duled for the Sydney Entertain-

ment Centre on June 26.

Craig Mordey, son of promoter Bill Mordey, said Fenoch bad been suffering from influenza for

three days, but Friday com-

infections in both ears and had

ordered Fenech to rest for at least

two weeks. The fighter is expected to be hospitalised at least

Mordey said doctors diagnosed

Fenech hospitalisation

delays Laporte challenge

Alex Ferguson created the first surprise of the replay, watched by 80,000 fans, by leaving out Jim Leighton, the gosikeeper who will be Scotland's first choice in the World Cup. Leighton was at fault for two of the Palace goals

The first half had all the sour ingredients of the game — games-manulup, niggling fouls and leads that clearly carried over from Saturday's 3-3 no.

Palace striker Mark Bright was shown the yellow card as early as the seventh minute for a late

A new date for the fight will not be announced until Tuesday, but Mordey said the contest may

have to be put back antil mid-July to fit in with the requirements of

the ABC television network in the United States.

Bill Benton, manager of New York-based former featherweight

champion Laporte, said he was hopeful the context could be res-

cheduled within a couple of

weeks and said Laporte would be

staying in Sydney. Fenech will be bidding to win his fourth world championship

when he does get into the ring

against Laporte to fight for the

title vacated by Ghana's Azumah

The Sydney resident previously held the International Boxing

Federation bantanweigh title and the WBC super-bantam-

weight and featherweight crowns.

challenge of Leighton's substitute, Los Sealey, who was on loan from Latton.

And at 27 minutes Palace midfielder Alan Pardew was cautioned for tripping United's Paul Ince.

There was little enterprising soccer. Instead there were unpleasant, clattering challenges, misdirected passes and frequent

arguments among players.
Several more players were lec-tured for foul play and United's Welsh international striker Mark Hughes became the third player

Gray with his left knee to minutes

Martin lashed a free kick into the side of the Palace goal netting just before the break.

Michael Phelan, one of five England international players in United's side, lofted a pass over the Palace defense and Martin beat a defender to the ball before firing into the roof of the net from 10 metres (32 feet).

Within three minutes of the goal, Palace replaced midfielder Phil Barber with Ian Wright, scorer of two goals as substitute

to receive a yellow card.

Palace defender John Sahko
stung Sealey's fingerties with a right-footed drive on 24 minutes and the United goalie blocked a well-struck free kick by Andy

scorer or two goals as substitute in Saturday's game.

But it was rejuvenated United that kept pouring forward and England captain Bryanard and England captain Bryanard inom Neil Webb's freekick.

Kenyan favourites fail at Santander meeting

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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The Hashemita Kingdom of Jordan has received a loan from

the World Bank (IBRD) in various currencies towards the cost of a Second Urban Development Project and it is intended

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& SERVICES. Bidding is open to all Bidders from eligible

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SANTANDER, Spain (R) — widely expected to win the 3,000 Olympic champions Paul Ereng metres after a leg injury forced and Julius Kariuki of Kenya were Aouita to stay away. surprise losers in the 1,000-metre and 3,000-metre events at the Santander outdoor athletics

meeting Thursday night. But Briton Peter Elliott's excellent performance in the 800 metres helped make up for the Kenyans' discouraging results and for the last minute pull-out of Moroccan star Said Aouita.

Elliott dominated from the start and romped home in one minute 45.20 seconds, the fastest time this year on the distance. Kariuki, Olympic 3,000 metres steeplechase gold medallist, was

He took an early lead but struggled in third after losing ground to Mark Rowland of Britain and Spain's Abel Anton in the last 50 metres.

Ereng, the Olympic 800 metres gold medallist, also finished an lacklustre third in the 1.000 metres behind fellow-Kenyan Jackson Lokel and Briton John Gladwin.

Nigeria's Yussuf Ali, expected to win the long jump, had to be content with second place in 7.91 metres behind Spaniard Angel Hernandez's 7.94 metres.

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Bin Sulayem wins Jordan Rally

AMMAN - The Jordan Raily came to an unexpected end Friday when Suhail Khalifa, driving a Marlboro Mitsubishi Galent VR 4, finished the rally behind bis rival Mohammed Bin Sulayem, after leading the rally for the first day and winning most stages on the second day.

The rally turned out to be the hottest event in the Middle East championship this far. Khalifa was out to revenge his loss in the Qatar Rally, while Bin Sulayem was trying to defend his Middle East crown.

"It was a dog-fight between us, the car performed very well on asphalt stages, and I had the lead till I got a puncture on the Fujeij stage," said the Mariboro Mitsu-bishi contender Khalifa at the end of the rally.

His Royal Highness Prince Faisal gave the start signal for 32 cars that roared off in the two-day event covering 1,055 kilometres and taking the drivers 300 metres down from sea level to the Dead Sea to finish the first leg in front of the Roman Amphitheatre, then out north towards the historic city of Jerash to finish the first

day at midnight in Amman. Khalifa took the lead in the first day beating Bin Sulayem by winning most of the asphalt stages and leading by 21 seconds. Issa Halaby, the leading Jordanian driver, was competing in a Ford Sierra Cosworth and keeping a solid third position ahead of Tony Georgiou, Khalifa's team-mate in the Mitsubishi Ralliart

private workshop.

ran out of gas and quit the race in the middle of Rase Al Aqra (eighth) stage, while lass quit due to mechanical failure in stage 13 (Swagga) on the second day.

Khalifa kept his lead, winning most of the morning stages until he lost two minutes in a puncture in Fujeii, only one stage before reaching the ancient city of Petra, for regrouping - a delay which gave the lead to Bin Sulayem. Coming out of Petra, on the

second part of leg two, Khalifa was confident and said the rally is not over until we get on the Bin Sulayem, however, knew the gap had become too big and

way back to Amman, in the

was out to increase it. He won stage 18 (Beidha) and tied again with Khalifa on stage 19 (Halasa) while Khalifa won stage 20 reducing the gap down to 2:16 minutes

Middle East team, until Georgion and putting the heat back on Bin

The Russian team progressed with Sergei Bousine and Andrei Geurasenkov to third and fourth positions respectively in the FISA homologated cars group 'A' and 'N' while the Jordanian driver Mazen Dajani was leading group N, driving Toyota Corrolla GT

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mixed doubles game while Abdullah, Khalit and Lien Lummings time in second place.

In ladies doubles, Lien Cummings and Jo Am Donovan won by 6-1, 1-6, 6-3 beating Rims, Jallad and Shirin Antone.

In men's doubles, Abdullah Khalit and Samir Rifel won over lynd Sheliadeb and Re fac Qaid by 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.

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accurate), but South was sure he would find one are with partner for his opening bid, and he didn't want to lose a vuincrable slam. West led the ace of hearts and

East, anxious to get a shift, followed with a discouraging two. West gazed long and hard at his cards; but found no inspiration there. Eventually, he shrugged and shifted to a club, and declarer neaved a sigh of relief. He drew trumps, discarded his diamond on the king of hearts and chalked up his small slam.

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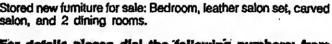
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Communist past could thwart Miescu party's coalition offer

BUCHAREST (R) — Romania's ruling National Salvation Front (NSF) has offered to form a hroad coalition government after multi-party elections this Sunday out its links with the Communist past could leave the NSF without partners.

Opinion polls predict a major-ity for the leftist NSF led by presidential frontrunner and interim head of state Ion Iliescu in the first free vote in Romania for

53 years.

The front has said a national coalition is the best way to rebuild the rained economy and to erase the executed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu's legacy of totalitarian rule.

The signs are, however, that such a coalition would be hard to create. The opposition is wary of the links of ex-Communist Iliescu and other leading NSF members to the Ceausescu era and suspicious that the front hijacked control of last December's popular nprising against Communism in a

backstage conp. None of the three main opposinon parties have committed themselves to sharing power with the NSF - the National Liberals are evasive on it, the Social Democrats are reserved, and the National Peasants Party has ruled it out.

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missiles, bombers and sub-

"We did a lot," Shevardnadze

said, "We accomplished a lot

On another arms-control front,

the Soviet foreign minister told

reporters that "major progress"

had been made on a U.S.-Soviet

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U.S. production of chemical

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Superpowers report

arms control treaty

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George Bush in Washington from and of hopes for an accord. With-

vardnadze gave no details of the ture time of Saturday morning.

anticipated.

reservations," Social Democrat spokesman Vadim Aroneann

"The last contested elections in 1946 taught us a bitter lesson. Then the Communists offered to form a government coalition which ended in the elimination of their partners."

The three parties were suppressed in the late 1940s but were revived in January after Ceausescu's overthrow and execution.

Radu Campeanu, Iliescn's Liberal opponent in the presidential race, said in a televised campaign debate Thursday that a coalition would be possible only when there is a total break with the former Communist system."

His party has said a strong opposition to the NSF, linking the three historical parties on a common policy platform, may be more important to cement demo-

Its goal would he "to put up a joint, constructive opposition and draft a democratic constitution which should bar any possible return to Communism," Liberal Vice-President Ioan Sandulescu told Renters.

The right-wing Peasants Party dismisses the front ontright as neo-Communist nut it has said it would be ready to join the Liber-We salute the NSF offer to als and Social Democrats in gov-

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piece Bush and Gorbachev had

The statements by Baker and

Shevardnadze were by far the

most optimistic to emerge from

U.S. officials had earlier said

Baker's statement that he

would hold a news conference on

the talks were not going well and

Baker might have to stay in Mos-

cow beyond his scheduled depar-

either side in weeks.

"They have a well-defined democratic tradition and we do

not expect any of them to militate for dictatorship," Peasants Party parliamentary candidate Rasvan Dobrescu said

Only a handful of the 82 parties contesting Sunday's elections are expected to win seats in the 387member assembly of deputies and the 119-member senate.

Opinion polls predict the front will win about 60 per cent of the vote but if forecasts are wrong, as the NSF's opponents maintain, smaller parties could gain a pivotal bargaining role.

Chief among them is the Hungarian Democratic Union (HDU), flag bearer of the Hungarian ethnic minority with a constituency of np to one million of Romania's 16 million voters.

The HDU has shifted away from initial backing for the front and one of its leading figures, Carol Kiraly, appealed to ethnic Hungarians Thursday not to vote for Diescu as president.

Kiraly, an interim vice-predent responsible for Romania's 14 ethnic minorities, said on Hungarian-language radio that Iliescu had failed to fulfill promises to defend minority rights.

Meanwhile, an election rally in Timisoara, birthplace of the Romanian revolution, ended

violently as youths beat suppor-ters of the ruling National Salva-tion Front (NSF) with broken

flagpoles.

The rally broke up Thursday after some 5,000 NSF supporters, mainly women, gathered in the city's Opera Square and about 300 opponents began shouting anti-front slogans.

The youths eventually surged onto the podium. Several women who tried to block them were hit in the face or had their hair pulled and were thrown to the ground. At least five were led away with bleeding faces and hands.

About 10 youths, some wear ing leather wrist straps with studs, finally reached the platform and tore down flags.

Front supporters chanted the names of Iliescu and Prime Minister Petre Roman. Their opponents believe the two men remain Communists at heart even though they say they reject Communism and all it stands for.

Police and unarmed troops stood by at the corners of the square but made no attempt to interfere or restore order.

We never tried to break up any of the rallies of other parties," local front candidate Nicolae Dumitru told his supporters. "If our memory of what happened five months ago cannot unite us, then what will?"

White man

tions in New York City.
Joseph Fama of Brooklyn, accused of being the triggerman in the killing of 16-year-old Yusuf Hawkins, faces a maximum sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

day after 10 tension-wrought days of deliberations.

was for sale when they were Aug. 23 in the mostly white Ben-

The verdict, the first conviction in the case, was greeted with shouts outside the courtroom by Hawkins' family and supporters.

Mayor David N. Dinkins said in a statement that the guilty verdict allows "us to turn our

bealing." "Yusuf Hawkins died of racism in the first degree. That is a crime far more common than most of us are willing to admit," the city's

The defendant was acquitted of second-degree intentional murder - the equivalent in seriousness of the depraved indifference possession of a weapon in the

charges against co-defendant Keith Mondello, who was tried in the same courtroom as Fama, ended its deliberations Thursday

Senate approves law limiting chemical

weapons WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate approved legislation withont dissent requiring the president to impose sanctions against countries that violate international agreements barring chemical

and biological weapons.

By a vote of 92-0, the Senate Thursday adopted the bill despite the threat of a possible veto by President George Bush. The United States and Soviet

Union are negotiating cuts in the superpower stockpiles of chemical weapons and reductions in strategic and conventional forces. But lawmakers said they are concerned about the proliferation of the weapons among Third World countries.

"We have learned anew in recent years of the ghastly and indisputable horror of the use of chemical weapons in violation of international law," said Sen. Claiborne Pell, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Com-

"We must not apply a lesser standard against chemical weapons use than the use of

nuclear weapons."
Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has vowed to use chemical weapons against Israel if the Jewish state lannches a nuclear attack.

"Many months ago, I said that the evil genie of chemical weapons is already out of the bottle," said Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas. "It's even more critical today that we do everything we can to see that the genie does not spread its poison more widely."

The bill says that as many as 20 nations are capable of producing chemical weapons and that by the year 2000, at least 15 developing countries will have the ability to produce ballistie missiles capable of delivering the weapons.

U.S., Philippines fail to settle future of bases

MANILA (R) — The United States and the Philippines failed after five days of talks Friday to settle the future of major American military bases in the country.

But a joint statement said they had solved a conflict over compensation and would hold further negotiations on the future of their entire political and security rela-

No date for the next round of talks was announced. Hours before the latest talks

ended, four men in a speeding taxi fired two rifle grenades at U.S. offices in Manila. Only one grenade exploded, on the fourthfloor window ledge of the build-ing that houses the Thomas Jefferson Library, causing "minimal damage to property," the U.S. embassy said.

No group has claimed responsi-bility for the attack. Earlier attacks on U.S., targets have been the work of the New People's Army, a Communist guerril-la group demanding withdrawal

President Corazon Aquino had suggested holding this week's exploratory talks to decide whether or not to negotiate a new treaty on America's largest overseas military facilities.

But at the end, spokesman for both governments said there had been no decision on whether to go ahead with talks on a treaty that would allow Washington to keep Clark Air Base, Subic Bay Naval Base and four smaller in-

staliations. -Philippine Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus told reporters agreement on the compensation issue meant the two sides could now go forward to hold discussions on the future of bilateral

He said the Manila decision to terminate the current mintary bases agreement in September. 1991, signalled an end to the "uneven day of lingering colonialism. Henceforth, we shall march forward with our friends abreast, not in tandem."

"It is a new relationship. Let us move on to strengthen it," he

Meanwhile, troops arrested three alleged Communist guerrillas, one of whom is believed to have been involved in the weekend killing of two American airmen near a U.S.-run air base, military officer said Friday.

Officials said they also seized documents indicating the rebels plan to continue attacks.

Philippine plane crashes into house killing 25

MANILA (R) — Twenty-five flames, witnesses said. people were killed when a Philippine inter-island plane with a crippled engine crashed two minutes after takeoff, hursting into a fireball in a Manila residential suburb, officials said.

They said the propeller-driven Beechcraft 1900 tried to return to Manila airport but slammed instead into a house, killing the four occupants, a Japanese businessman and his family, and all 21 aboard.

The twin-engine plane's burning tail came to rest by the family swimming pool. The rest of the aircraft, its fuel tanks full, exploded and engulfed the house in officials said.

"The initial findings were that the right engine cut out after being airborne," said Jaime Cruz, chief of the airport Emergency Services Department. He said that just before the crash, the pilot radioed the control tower that he was turning back.

Two servants, a man and a woman, working for the Japanese family survived the explosion and

Airport officials identified the Japanese executive as Yasukazu Suzuki, 47. Also killed were his Filipina wife and their two daughters, aged four and one, the

Chinese leader says Tiananmen Square 'much ado about nothing'

NEW YORK (R) — Chinese place last year in Peking. Had we communist Party leader Jiang Zemin, in what was described as place last year in Peking. Had we riers, army trucks and tanks were burned. And this shows the People's Liberation Army exercised his first television interview since coming to power, called the crackdown on demonstrators in Tiananmen Square "much ado about nothing" and said 431 peo-ple, including 42 students, were

still in prison. In a taped interview with Barbara Walters of ABC's "20/20" programme, Jiang also spelled out conditions under which dissident Fang Lizhi could leave the U.S. embassy in Peking, where he has been living since the crackdown, and said ousted Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang, who sympathised with the students, would not be brought to

trial. Walters asked Jiang, who is also chairman of the Central Military Commission, if he had a Chinese proverb to describe the Tiananmen crackdown. "To give a Chinese proverb, I would say that it's like 'much ado about nothing'," he said.

The programme aired Friday night. ABC said it was Jiang's first television interview since coming to power after the crack-

down last June. Jiang said, "I don't have any regrets about the way in which we

dealt with the events which took

events, then the entire capital of the People's Republic of China would have been thrown into great chaos."

But he said he did not think a violent crackdown on similar prodemocracy demonstrations would take place again.

"We have a proverb in China, 'a fall into the pit, a gain in your wit," he said. "I think we learn by our mistakes; that is, we have made adequate preparations in terms of strengthening the police force and storing non-lethal weapons. In this regard, I am ready to learn from all the developed Western countries."

Jiang said 431 people, including 42 students, were still in prison "under investigation" over the crackdown.

Tens of thousands of students demonstrated in the Peking square before troops moved in, reportedly killing hundreds. Chinese officials deny anyone

was killed in the square itself. Jiang said there were no executions linked to the square and students ahroad would be safe if they returned home.

One fact has to be made clear. During the incident, nearly 10,000 armoured personnel car- Argentina and Chile.

The Van Gogh painting sold in New York for a record \$82.5

million was one of several re-

moved from display by the Ger-

man Nazis in a pre-war purge of

non-Aryan art, an expert said

century German art and not any-

thing that was modern," said

Stefan Mann, a researcher at

Gogh's Portrait of Dr. Gachet

had hung in the Staedel Museum from 1911, when it was bought

from a Frankfurt collector, until

1938, when it was removed by

There were three reasons they

didn't want it on display in Ger-many: Firstly, Van Gogh was foreign, secondly, he was consi-

dered mentally ill and thirdly they

Mann said. He said the painting

was sold at auction in Lucerne,

Switzerland, though the Nazis

probably did not make much from the sale. "Certainly not as

much as it's worth now," said

didn't want any decadent art,

Mann told Reuters that Van

Frankfurt's Staedel Museum

"They wanted classical 19th

Thursday.

great tolerance and restraint during the incident," he added. He said that dissidents Fang

Lizhi and his wife, who took refuge in the U.S. embassy in Peking, could be allowed to leave the country if they admitted their guilt and the United States guaranteed that Fang would not engage "in activity in the future against the People's Republic of China."

Meanwhile in Mexico City, Chinese President Yang Shangkun was quoted Thursday as saying last year's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators represented a triumph for

"It didn't hurt Chinese socialism," Yang said in remarks to the Mexican news agency Notimex when asked about the military crackdown in and around Tiananmen Square.

"It strengthened the govern-ment's faith in the Socialist system and allowed us to dismantle the seditions plots."

Yang arrived Monday for a four-day visit on the first leg of a Latin American trip that will also take him to Brazil, Uruguay,

expensive painting, the economic newspaper Nihon Keizai said Thursday.

The paper quoted Ryoci Saito, 74, as saying in an interview that the painting "was 5 billion yen (\$33 million) higher than what I expected. But I am extremely pleased with the purchase. Saito and officials of Daishowa

Paper Mannfacturing Co.. Japan's second largest paper mannfacturer, could not be reached for comment after office hours Thursday. Saito was president of Daishowa paper from 1961 to 1982.

Nihon Keizai said Saito commented that "I have been collecting paintings for 40 years, but I anted to own this Van Gogh painting. Therefore, I asked to make a successful bid no matter how expensive it was."

Saito said he borrowed the money from banks, using his property as security, the paper

Asked about the possibility of displaying the painting to the public, Saito said, "I will keep it at hand for the time being for various security reasons. However, I would like to display it at the local Shizuoka Prefectural Art Museum in the future," the paper

COLUMN

Record price paid for Japanese netsuke

LONDON (AP) — A collector paid a record £154,000 (\$260,337) for a Japanese netsuke ornament, Sotheby's auction house has announced. The carved ivory netsuke by the artist Tomotada dated from the late 18th century, Sotheby's spokeswoman Both McHattie said Thursday, Netsuke are toggles used in traditional Japanese dress to hold purses onto waist cords. Another netsuke, showing a wild boar suckling its young, sold for £92,500 (\$156,371), Ms. McHattie said. She said the netsuke, by artist Masanao, was discovered at a country auction.

iranian wins poker tournament

LAS VEGAS (AP) — An Iranian accountant now living in England came back from the brink of disaster twice Thursday to outlast a Reno, Nevada, poker player and win the \$835,000 first prize in the world series of poker. Mansour Matloubi used an enticlimatic pair of sixes on the final hand to top a pair of fours held by Hans "Tuna" Lund and win the final Texas Hold'em event in the competition that crowns the world's poker champion. The final hand win capped a remarkable comeback that saw Mat-: loubi, playing in his first championship game, twice draw the card he needed to stay in the game on the final draw after he had each time put all his chios into the pot, "I was dead," Mat-loubi said, "But when the chips went in every time I had the best hand." Lund had appeared to have the edge after 192 of the players who put in \$10,000 apiece to enter the event had lost their chips and only he and Matloubi were left to go head-to-head.

Most charges dropped against Helmsley

NEW YORK (AP) - A tax fraud indictment against Leona Helmsley was gutted by a judge who said state prosecutors were putting the self-styled hotel queen in double jeopardy. State Supreme Court Justice John Bradley said he dropped 180 of the 188 counts in the indictment on which Mrs. Helmsley was tried in federal court last August. "The court threw out the heart and soul of the state's case," said Alan Dershowitz, lead lawyer of Mrs. Helmsley's legal team. "New evidence will demonstrate that Mrs. Helmsley did not evade taxes: "I'm very happy," Mrs. Helm-sley, 70, said tearfully as she left court after hearing Bradley's rul-ing. She suggested that the case against her was brought only because of her prominence. They're after my hide, she said. "Tip Leona Helmsley. I hold my head high because I know that I am an innocent person falsely accused and terribly maligned," she said.

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Prize offered for proof of Loch Ness monster

LONDON (R) — A London bookmaker offered a £250,000 (\$422,500) prize Thursday to anyone proving the legendary Loch Ness monster really exists. In the last 60 years more than 800 sightmgs of Nessie have been reported but there is still no concrete evidence that a giant creature lurks in the Scottish lake. Bookmakers William Hill said the prize would be up for grabs during a three-day monster hunt it is sponsoring with local tourist au-thorities in October.

Stadium sex leads to new rules at hotel

TORONTO (R) — A couple who made love in a hotel room in full sight of a packed baseball risdium have forced the hotel to warn guests they can be seen by the crowd. The Skydome Hotel, built inside Toronto's new sta-dium, has 70 rooms that give a direct view of the playing field The couple's sexual performance was a highlight of Tuesday's game between the local Blue lay and the Seattle Mariners. There isn't a more exciting way to watch a baseball game, but for some people it's more exciting than others," Hotel Manager Ray Thompson said. "What our guests do behind closed doors is their own business as long as it's not criminal and there's no damage. But when there are witnesses the guests are subject to immediate eviction and possible criminal charges." In an earlier incident a guest committed an indecent act in full view of the crowd in the belief that the bedroom window was one-way glass.

bachev and Shevardnadze, Baker Saturday as planned and give said that "some progress" had details of his talks suggested been made, though he added, agreement was in sight. Gorbachev signals

Mexibility in Baltics MOSCOW (AP) — President- buildings in the two other Baltic Milthail Gorhachev said Friday repulies, Estonia and Latvia, but the Kremlin was prepared to examine any possibility to resolve the dispute over Lithuanian independence - provided the Soviet constitutional process is observed.

The prime minister of the breakaway republic, Kazimiera Prunskiene, said after meeting with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker that she was convinced he supports the Baltic republic's independence drive. Baker said be hoped that a

meeting between Gorbachev and Prunskiene Thursday would lead to full negotiations aimed at ending the impasse between the Kremlin and the breakaway re-

Tension was reported Friday in Lithuania, however, Soviet soldiers shot a youth trying to enter a military compound and military helicopters dropped leaflets proclaiming: "Down with the government of separatists. Long live Soviet Lithuania."

Military officials have complained of several rock-throwing or sniper attacks on Soviet soldiers at military installations. Moscow has used the military to make repeated shows of force in Lithuania in the past. Supporters of independence

parliament building Friday to block any attempt by pro-Soviet forces to occupy it, said Eduards Potashinskas, an editor at Lithuanian television.

gathered around the Lithuanian

On Tuesday, Soviet soldiers and anti-independence protesters tried to occupy government repulies, Estonia and Latvia, but were blocked by supporters of

Gorbachev has condemned the independence declarations of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. and imposed economic sanctions against them. Until his meeting with Prunskiene Thursday night, the Soviet president had refused to open talks with Baltic leaders. demanding that they first rescind or suspend their independence

After Prunskiene met with Gorbachev, sbe said significant progress was made towards asettlement. But neither side suggested that the dispute that followed the republic's March 11 declaration of independence had

been settled. Her meeting Friday with Baker lasted for more than hour, twice as long as planned. She said later that she had told Baker about Lithuania's compromise plan and

her talks with Gorbachev. 'I became convinced again that the USA as well as other governments support both the restoration of independence and the path we are taking," she said at the gate of Spaso House, the residence of the U.S. ambassador

in Moscow. Prunskiene said the thought Gorbachev agreed to meet with her because of Baker's presence in Moscow. Baker is negotiating with Soviet officials to try to forge arms-control agreements for a summit in Washington between Gorbachev and U.S. President George Bush later this month.

Liberian rebel chief excludes immediate Asked if agreement on key summit. Saker replied. "we keep hoping we can accomplish that." Earlier Friday in the Kremlin, elections

TAPETA, Liberia (AP) - Villagers waving palm fronds welcome him as a saviour, Rebel pamphlets call him "the hope of Liberia." The bureaucrat turned guerrilla leader says he is a God-fearing Baptist who will not become

the Soviets of backtracking on another African dictator. their earlier positions before Bak-U.S.-educated rebel leader Charles Taylor is still wanted in The Soviet leader said he did Massachusetts for breaking out of not know if an agreement would iail to avoid extradition to Liberbe ready in time for the Washingia, but says he wants better relaton summit, but told reporters, "I tions with the United States.

Taylor presented himself at his first international news conference this week as a friend of the capitalist West and a leader who can restore democracy, honest government, pride and Christian values to a nation destroyed by 10 vears of corrupt rule under Presi-

dent Samuel Doe. But Taylor said his plans for democracy do not include elections for at least three and maybe five years. Until then he said he will "go to hell" rather than share power with other opposition leaders who have not joined his fight

against Doe. "Don't think we are going to turn government over to someone to screw up," Taylor said.
Pointing to his ragtag group of armed guerrillas, he added, "We

have political amhitions, too." Taylor invited nine foreign journalists to Tapeta, in the heart of rebel-held territory about 160 kilometres northeast of Monrovia, the capital. Reporters were driven to an American-owned rubber plantation in rebel hands just 72 kilometres east of Monrovia to dramatise Taylor's threats

that he will attack the capital Taylor's promises of elections in a few years are similar to pledges that have led to dictatorships in other African countries, including Liheria. Doc promised democracy when as an army master sergeant he seized power in a bloody 1980 coup, toppling an elite group of descendants of freed American slaves

who founded Liberia in 1847. At the time of the coup, Taylor said he had been chairman for 10 years of the U.S.-based National Liberian Liberation Movement that helped Doe overthrow President William Tolbert.

"That boy was supposed to return his little self to the barracks and he reneged," said Taylor, referring to Doe.

Taylor said he was inducted into Doe's army as a major in 1980 and placed in charge of a hurean that dishursed govern-ment funds. He said he fled to the United States later because of

cused him of stealing S1 million. He was arrested in Boston and held for extradition to Liberia in 1984, hut escaped from jail. Taylor said his National Patriotic Front of Liberia has constantly sought contacts with the U.S.

government, until recently a

strong supporter of Doe.

disagreements with Doe, who ac-

"The United States has permanent interests in Liberia, and not permanent friends ... 1 would hope that we would have a real good marriage and a real good honeymoon," Taylor said.

found guilty in New York murder

NEW YORK (AP) — A jury has found a 19-year-old white man guilty of second-degree murder in the killing of a black teenager in Bensonhurst, the most serious of a recent spate of racial confronta-

Jury forewoman Tonya Bailey delivered the verdict late Thurs-

Hawkins and three friends were going to look at a car that attacked by a gang of whites last sonhurst section of New York.

attention to the process of

first hlack mayor said.

Fama was found guilty on 13 of 15 counts, including second-degree murder by depraved indifference to human life, riot, unlawful imprisonment, menacing, discrimination, and criminal possession of a weapon in the third

charge — as well as criminal second degree.

A second jury considering

without reaching a verdict.

Renoir painting of an outdoor

Parisian dance hall that some

thought might sell for more than \$100 million went for \$78.1 million at Sotheby's auction house Thursday night.

The price set a record for a Renoir but fell \$4.4 million short of the record for the world's most

expensive painting, set Tuesday at Christie's when Van Gogh's Portrait of Dr. Gachet fetched **\$82.5** million. Au Moulin de la Galette, by Pierre-Auguste Renoir, sold to an unidentified bidder after 10 minutes of tension-filled bidding from two potential buyers on the telephone. The bidding jumped up in million-dollar increments and the crowd gasped and broke

into applause when the hammer finally came down. "Galette became the second most expensive painting of all time, surpassing the \$53.9 million that Van Gogh's Irises fetched in 1987 when it set a record that stood until last Tuesday.

following the Gachet sale the Renoir might become the first \$100 million painting. Sotheby's auction experts, who had estimated the painting would go for between \$40 million and

Many dealers had thought that

Renoir becomes second most expensive painting NEW YORK (Agencies) - A \$50 million, said they were \$165,000.

pleased with the sale. "I was thrilled, just thrilled," said Sotheby's impressionist expert David Nash. "I personally thought it might hit \$65 million, but it even exceeded that." "It's a big, big price," said New York art dealer Doug Walla, "But I think it justified it."

Despite repeated requests from an overflowing press and media gallery after the sale, Sotheby's President Diana Brooks said she could not reveal the identity of the huyer, or even the

After the Gachet sold to Tokyo

art dealer Hideto Kobayashi spe-

calation was that the Renoir would go to a Japanese buyer. Renoir painted the piece in 1876 as one of two studies of the mian dance hall at the top of Rue Montmartre. The Renoir was a special painting. It's much more distinctive than the Gachet," said Wal-

la. "It is the kind of painting one

learns from and grows up with in terms of art history." The Renoir was sold from the collection of New York financier and publisher John Hay Whitney, who died in 1982. Whitney bought it in 1929 in New York for

The honorary chairman of a major Japanese paper company is Museum in the buyer of the world's most reported. John me lila